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SJ Twp. man killed in alleged hit-and-run

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — A 20-year-old St. Joseph Township man has died after being hit by a vehicle Saturday night in Benton Harbor. Police said it was a hit-and-run, and that an arrest has been made.

ADAMS

Deputy Director Michael Clark from the Benton Harbor Department of Public Safety identified the man who died as Thomas W. Adams, a 2018 graduate of Berrien Springs High School. He lived in St. Joseph Township, Clark said in a news release.

Police said it happened just before midnight in the 1200 block of Colfax Avenue. The driver of the vehicle fled the scene but has since been located and arrested, Clark said.

Berrien County Prosecutor Michael Sepic said Lamerrius Glass, 35, of Benton Harbor is being held in the Berrien County jail and faces charges of reckless driving causing death and failure to stop at the scene of a crash causing death. Both are 15-year felonies. Sepic said he expects Glass to be arraigned today.

Clark said police were called Saturday on a report of a hit and run involving a car and a pedestrian when they found Adams with significant injuries. He was taken to Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph, then transferred to a Spectrum Hospital in Grand Rapids, where he died.

Friends and family are grieving the loss of Adams online. A GoFundMe account has been set up in his name, to benefit his girlfriend and two daughters, according to the fund's main page.

"Thomas was an extraordinary person! He had a heart of gold and a smile a mile wide! He was extremely intelligent, very athletic, tons of fun, patient, kind, compassionate, and loyal to everyone he cared for, whether you were one of his best friends, a teammate, or his teacher!" according to the post. "He grew fiercely loyal and most responsible when he became a father – providing for ALL his family's needs without a single complaint. They were his entire world!"

The link to the fundraising page is: https://gf.me/u/yfgqz8. As of Tuesday afternoon more than $3,500 had been raised toward a goal of $15,000.

Adams was a well-known athlete for the Shamrocks, having earned all-conference honors in football in 2017.

Benton Harbor Public Safety officers were assisted by Michigan State Police with accident scene reconstruction. The investigation continued overnight into early Sunday morning and the suspect and his vehicle were found.

Glass was interviewed, arrested and taken to jail, and the vehicle was impounded pending further investigation.

Anyone who may have witnessed the incident or who has information about it is asked to call the Tipline at 927-0293 or Crime Stoppers, 800-342-STOP, or provide information anonymously via the TIP411 app.

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NEW DOCK

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A boat cruises past a recently constructed dock near the Margaret B. Upton Arboretum, located below the Berrien County Courthouse in St. Joseph. The dock will serve as an access point for a new water taxi that will connect St. Joseph and Benton Harbor.

BENTON HARBOR

Chandler-backed dispensary remains on track

NBA player also has eye on condo project

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — A proposed medical marijuana dispensary being funded by longtime NBA player Wilson Chandler is another step closer to reality in Benton Harbor.

CHANDLER

Benton Harbor planning commissioners Tuesday approved recommending to the city commission that the proposed facility at 90 W. Main St. receive a special use permit. Planning commissioners also approved the site plan for the dispensary. Plans will now go before city commissioners for consideration.

The proposed dispensary, Greenstone Wellness, was one of four chosen by city commissioners in March to receive medical marijuana provisioning center licenses.

Chandler, a Benton Harbor native, was represented by Daniel Pettigrew during the meeting, which was done virtually due to health concerns surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic.

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The renovated buiding at 90 W. Main St., in downtown Benton Harbor, may soon become a medical marijuana dispensary.

Chandler partnered with Cornerstone Alliance in 2019 to renovate the facades of the former OB Hipp building, which he owns, and the historic Farmers and Merchants Bank building next to it, which Cornerstone owns.

Once the proposed business receives all of the required permits, Pettigrew said it should be able to open within 120 days.

"The money Wilson is investing is set aside – about $1.5 million," he said. "He really wants to make this a world-class facility, so he is sparing no expense."

He said they are eager to start construction and plan to hire 25-30 employees.

"We have the funding, we have the team lined up, and we want to move as quickly as possible," Pettigrew said.

He added that workers will be paid above minimum wage and will be given benefits.

Pettigrew said that customers will be able to park in designated spots in a parking lot behind the building owned by Cornerstone. He said there will be a rear entrance for people who park in the back.

He said customers will also be able to park on the street in front of the business.

Pettigrew added that Chandler, who currently plays for the Brooklyn Nets, is considering buying the former bank building to be turned into condominiums.

"He's looking at his options," he said.

After his standout tenure with the Benton Harbor Tigers, Chandler was named Michigan's Mr. Basketball in 2005.

When contacted after the meeting, Cornerstone Alliance President Rob Cleveland said Cornerstone is happy to work with the cannabis business as long as the city is supportive.

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Police ID woman suspected in Hartford shooting

By HP STAFF

SOUTH HAVEN — Police have released the name of a 36-year-old woman suspected in the July 4th shooting of a 34-year-old man in Hartford Township.

MORALES

Estela Morales, 36, was arraigned Tuesday in Seventh District Court in South Haven on two felony charges – assault with intent to murder and possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony. Judge Arthur Clarke set her bond at $1 million. She is expected to be in court again on July 15 for a probable cause conference.

The name of the shooting victim is not yet being released by Van Buren County Sheriff's Department officials. As of Tuesday the victim was still listed in critical condition at Bronson Methodist Hospital and has undergone multiple surgeries, according to sheriff's Lt. Greg Pentland.

The sheriff's office is releasing very little information about what led up to the shooting, which was reported to them at 7:09 p.m. on Saturday when deputies were told a man had been shot in the stomach in the 62000 block of 66th Avenue in Hartford Township.

When deputies arrived they found the shooting victim on a porch of a residence with a gunshot wound to his abdomen from a 20-gauge shotgun. Morales was arrested and first responders began rendering aid to the man until he was transported by helicopter to Bronson Hospital in Kalamazoo.

In an updated news release issued Tuesday, Van Buren County Sheriff Daniel Abbott would only indicate that Morales and the victim were in a domestic relationship. He went on to say the shooting was an isolated incident and does not pose a danger to the community.

South Haven seeks quick replacement for Dissette

By BECKY KARK
For The Herald-Palladium

SOUTH HAVEN — With former city manager Brian Dissette's departure July 1 to become Berrien County's new administrator, officials in South Haven are on the fast track to find his replacement.

City council members on Monday voted to proceed with hiring a new city manager within the next four months.

"Per city charter, we must appoint a new manager within 120 days. So that puts us at Oct. 29," said Kim Wise, the city's human resources director, who will oversee the search.

Until a new manager is hired, Kate Hosier, who has expressed interest in being selected for the position, will continue to serve as interim manager.

Some council members, however, were reluctant to approve the four-month hiring process.

"I think we have another option," council member Steve Schlack suggested. "With the COVID-19, now may not be the best time to find the perfect candidate."

Schlack suggested instead that council members ink a one-year contract with Hosier and then in the next 10-11 months revisit hiring a permanent manager.

"I think she's perfectly capable," he said. "I would almost like to slow down with everything else going on in the world."

Other council members agreed but had concerns of their own. Hosier had been serving as assistant city manager and harbor master. Now that she's been appointed interim manager, she and other staff members have been juggling their own duties

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U.S. notifies UN of withdrawal from World Health Organization

By MATTHEW LEE
AP Diplomatic Writer

Manuel Balce Ceneta / AP

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo speaks during a news conference at the State Department in Washington on July 1.

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration has formally notified the United Nations of its withdrawal from the World Health Organization, although the pullout won't take effect until next year, meaning it could be rescinded under a new administration or if circumstances change.

The withdrawal notification makes good on President Donald Trump's vow in late May to terminate U.S. participation in the WHO, which he has harshly criticized for its response to the coronavirus pandemic and accused of bowing to Chinese influence.

The move was immediately assailed by health officials and critics of the administration, including numerous Democrats who said it would cost the U.S. influence in the global arena.

Former Vice President Joe Biden, the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee, has said he supports the WHO and Democrats suggested he would reverse the decision if he defeats Trump in November. Trump is trailing Biden in multiple polls and has sought to deflect criticism of his administration's handling of the virus by aggressively attacking China and the WHO.

The withdrawal notice was sent to U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on Monday and will take effect in a year, on July 6, 2021, the State Department and the United Nations said on Tuesday.

The State Department said the U.S. would continue to seek reform of the WHO, but referred to Trump's June 15 response when asked if the administration might change its mind. "I'm not reconsidering, unless they get their act together, and I'm not sure they can at this point," Trump said.

Guterres, in his capacity as depositary of the 1946 WHO constitution, "is in the process of verifying with the World Health Organization whether all the conditions for such withdrawal are met," his spokesman, Stephane Dujarric, said.

Under the terms of the withdrawal, the U.S. must meet its financial obligations to the WHO before it can be finalized. The U.S., which is the agency's largest donor and provides it with more than $450 million per year, currently owes the WHO some $200 million in current and past dues.

On May 29, less than two weeks after warning the WHO that it had 30 days to reform or lose U.S. support, Trump announced his administration was leaving the organization due to what he said was its inadequate response to the initial outbreak of the coronavirus in China's Wuhan province late last year.

The president said in a White House announcement that Chinese officials "ignored" their reporting obligations to the WHO and pressured the organization to mislead the public about an outbreak that has now killed more than 130,000 Americans.

"We have detailed the reforms that it must make and engaged with them directly, but they have refused to act," Trump said at the time. "Because they have failed to make the requested and greatly needed reforms, we will be today terminating the relationship."

The withdrawal notification was widely denounced as misguided, certain to undermine an important institution that is leading vaccine development efforts and drug trials to address the COVID-19 outbreak.

The Republican chairman of Senate health committee, Lamar Alexander of Tennessee, said he disagreed with the decision.

"Certainly there needs to be a good, hard look at mistakes the World Health Organization might have made in connection with coronavirus, but the time to do that is after the crisis has been dealt with, not in the middle of it," he said.

"To call Trump's response to COVID chaotic and incoherent doesn't do it justice," said New Jersey Sen. Bob Menendez, the top Democrat on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. "This won't protect American lives or interests – it leaves Americans sick and America alone."

Sen. Patty Murray of Washington, the top Democrat on the Senate health committee, called Trump's decision to withdraw an "abdication of America's role as a global leader."

"It is the opposite of putting America first – it will put America at risk," Murray said in a statement. "Refusing to work with our partners across the world to fight this pandemic will only prolong the crisis, further undermine our international standing, and leave us less prepared for future crises."

UN Foundation President Elizabeth Cousens called the move "short-sighted, unnecessary, and unequivocally dangerous. WHO is the only body capable of leading and coordinating the global response to COVID-19. Terminating the U.S. relationship would undermine the global effort to beat this virus – putting all of us at risk."

Medical workers begin to run low on protective gear again

By GEOFF MULVIHILL and CAMILLE FASSETT
Associated Press

The personal protective gear that was in dangerously short supply during the early weeks of the coronavirus crisis in the U.S. is running low again as the virus resumes its rapid spread and the number of hospitalized patients climbs.

A national nursing union is concerned that gear has to be reused. A doctors association warns that physicians' offices are closed because they cannot get masks and other supplies. And Democratic members of Congress are pushing the Trump administration to devise a national strategy to acquire and distribute gear in anticipation of the crisis worsening into the fall.

"We're five months into this and there are still shortages of gowns, hair covers, shoe covers, masks, N95 masks," said Deborah Burger, president of National Nurses United, who cited results from a survey of the union's members. "They're being doled out, and we're still being told to reuse them."

When the crisis first exploded in March and April in hot spots such as New York City, the situation was so desperate that nurses turned plastic garbage bags into protective gowns. The lack of equipment forced states and hospitals to compete against each other, the federal government and other countries in desperate, expensive bidding wars.

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Daily 4
2-5-2-2
Fantasy 5
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Monday drawings

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Cash 5
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Daily Three-Evening
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Daily Four-Evening
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Illinois

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– The Associated Press

How risky is dining out during the pandemic?

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

How risky is dining out during the COVID-19 pandemic?

There is some risk, but health officials say there are precautions you can take to minimize the chances you'll be exposed to the virus.

Ordering takeout or delivery is still the safest option for getting restaurant food, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

If you decide to eat at a restaurant, it's best to opt for outdoor seating where tables are at least 6 feet apart, the agency says. Dining inside a restaurant that hasn't reduced its capacity or safely distanced tables poses the most risk, it says. The coronavirus spreads through droplets that are emitted when people talk, laugh, sing, cough or sneeze. Indoor spaces are more risky than outdoor spaces because it might be harder to keep people apart and there's less ventilation, the CDC says.

Diners should assess what other safety steps the restaurant is taking.

For example, servers should be wearing masks and the restaurant should have a process to ensure people are not congregating too closely while waiting for a table, says Dr. Susan Casey Bleasdale, an infectious disease expert at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Digital or disposable menus and throwaway utensils are also preferable, according to the CDC.

The agency says touchless payment options, like those available on your mobile device, are optimal.

Otherwise, restaurants should have procedures for avoiding hand-to-hand contact with cash and credit cards.

If you are gathering at a restaurant with a group, Bleasdale suggests only dining with people you know, and checking if they have been feeling sick or experiencing any symptoms. People more vulnerable to severe illness from the virus, such as the elderly, might want to avoid eating out at restaurants altogether.

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BH commissioners vote to bring trash collection in-house

By LOUISE WREGE
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BENTON HARBOR — Benton Harbor city commissioners Monday unanimously approved having city workers pick up residential trash, rather than again hiring a contractor to do it.

Commissioner MaryAlice Adams said that bringing trash collection in-house will give residents better service at a lower cost.

Commissioner Ron Singleton, who has been studying the issue for weeks, said if the city starts now, everything will be in place before the contract with Wecycle Industrial Sanitation ends Oct. 1.

Mayor Marcus Muhammad said the city will need to buy two garbage trucks and trash cans, along with allowing time to put decals on the cans.

"I'm encouraged. I'm optimistic. But when I look at it from a realistic standpoint, there's a lot of work to be done," he said.

He encouraged City Manager Ellis Mitchell to prepare letters to be given to residents so they understand what is happening.

Commissioners have been discussing this possibility since last November, when a disagreement over who owns Wecycle led to trash not being picked up for several days.

How to meet?

In other business, commissioners voted down a resolution offered by Commissioner Juanita Henry that they start meeting in the city hall chambers for their next meeting.

Like most public bodies, commissioners have been holding public meetings virtually since the end of March due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Henry said she wants to start meeting in the chambers so they can better communicate with city residents.

Adams, however, said that commission seats in the chambers are closer than 6 feet from each other.

Mitchell said he would like the city to follow Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's lead and to continue meeting virtually, to better contain the virus.

After seeing the number of cases decline in the state, Whitmer has stalled reopening in Grand Rapids and Lansing due to a rise in cases.

Also on Monday, commissioners further approved removing the traffic signals at Riverview Drive and Britain Avenue and installing a four-way stop.

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GOOD PLACE TO DROP IN A LINE

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A woman escapes the summer sun as she fishes along the St. Joseph River at the Magaret B. Upton Arboretum in St. Joseph.

Video shows facility staff restraining Black teen who died

By COREY WILLIAMS
Associated Press

At least seven men forcibly restrained a teenager who had a heart attack and died two days later. The staffers at a youth facility in Michigan held down the boy's arms and legs and sat on him as he screamed that he couldn't breathe, an attorney representing the boy's estate said Tuesday.

Surveillance video footage from the Lakeside Academy in Kalamazoo shows 16-year-old Cornelius Fredericks being pushed to the floor and held down by staff members because he threw a sandwich in the cafeteria. About a dozen teenagers can be seen sitting in the cafeteria at the time.

The video was released Tuesday by Detroit-area attorney Geoffrey Fieger, who represents Fredericks' estate. A civil lawsuit filed by the estate in June says the boy screamed "I can't breathe" as he was restrained for about 8 minutes on April 29. The video shown to reporters had no sound.

On the video, several of the men appear to pull on and hold down Fredericks' arms and legs while others sit or lay atop his chest and abdomen. Toward the end of the video, the teen appears limp and falls back to the floor when staffers try to sit him up. Others then move in and start CPR.

"He's not fighting at all ... his shoes and his feet are just lying there," Fieger said, referring to the videotape.

The teenager went into cardiac arrest, was hospitalized and died two days later, authorities said. The death was ruled a homicide and the doctor who performed the autopsy said Fredericks died of asphyxia.

Two male staffers and a female nurse – Michael Mosley of Battle Creek, Zachary Solis of Lansing and Heather McLogan of Kalamazoo – were fired and have been charged with involuntary manslaughter and second-degree child abuse in Fredericks' death.

Fieger said he is urging authorities to recommend charging others.

"As you can see in the video, far more than two people are involved in suffocating him," Fieger said. "I would urge them to reconsider the other people ... who are clearly involved in the killing of Cornelius."

Fredericks had been a ward of the state for several years, following his mother's death when his father was incarcerated.

Fieger said his office had a forensic examiner review the footage and that portions of the videotape are missing. He didn't specifically say that he believed the video had been edited or explain what had happened, or why.

"It jumps and there suddenly people are no longer in the scene that were there one second before," he said.

In its investigation, the state of Michigan disclosed that staff members at Lakeside had also suffocated Fredericks as a form of discipline, according to Fieger.

"It is a horrific videotape and it demonstrates what other employees have told us is a culture of fear and abuse at the Lakeside facility," Fieger said. "One employee told us that in order to work there all you needed was to be breathing and accept $13 per hour."

"The mechanism for dealing with children in this facility was abuse and fear," he added. "In fact, suffocation was regularly practiced upon children. They called it 'fearing.'"

Lakeside Academy and its operator, Sequel Youth and Family Services, are named in the civil lawsuit.

The staff members' actions shown in the video don't "adhere to the Sequel and Lakeside Academy policies and procedures related to the use of emergency safety interventions," Sequel Youth and Family Services said in a statement Tuesday.

It also said Lakeside employees are trained in deescalation techniques and that its policy is to only use restraints as emergency safety interventions when "a student exhibits imminent danger to themselves and ... when a student exhibits imminent danger to others, and in those cases to use the minimal level of intervention possible."

IN BRIEF

Local COVID-19 cases continue to rise again

Berrien County gained another 13 COVID-19 cases Tuesday, bringing the county's cumulative total to 779.

That's a gain of 61 new cases since last Tuesday.

In addition, Berrien County gained 14 new recoveries Tuesday, bringing the total number of recovered to 652. No new deaths were reported.

With deaths and recoveries, the county is at about 67 active cases.

Spectrum Health Lakeland was treating three COVID-19 patients as of Tuesday morning, one more than on Monday.

Van Buren County gained 10 cases Tuesday, bringing its total number of cases to 219. The county has 143 recoveries as of last week.

Cass County gained five new cases Tuesday, bringing its total up to 154. The county has 85 recoveries as of last week.

No new deaths were reported in either county.

Local COVID-19 numbers and information, including testing sites, are updated daily at www.bchdmi.org/COVID19, and at www.vbcassdhd.org/covid-19.

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Benton Twp. police secure surveillance cameras, locks

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
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BENTON TOWNSHIP — Benton Township police are getting two surveillance cameras after its board of trustees approved funding for the new equipment.

At Tuesday's board meeting, Police Chief Brian Smit requested funding to buy two Hyperfire outdoor surveillance cameras that together cost nearly $1,200.

The police department has had similar cameras over the past decade, which Smit said were used for investigative purposes. Smit described them as being "trail cameras," only of a higher quality.

"We use them in some investigative purposes. We probably used these for over eight years," he said. "With the wear and tear and shelf life they have, I thought it was time to replace them. I think the two here will be enough for us."

One of the cameras has the technology to send images or short videos close to real time using cellular technology. The second camera takes still images, which can be reviewed at a later time.

Smit also requested two locks, costing a combined $40, for securing the devices when in use.

New positions

The township made two alterations to a couple positions that will benefit the police department.

Trustees agreed to change the ordinance enforcement officer position into a full-time position and brought back the court officer position that was previously discontinued more than a decade ago.

The ordinance enforcement officer was previously a part-time position that was changed to a full-time requirement based on Smit's recommendation. The township has the largest commercial district in Berrien County, a good portion of it based along the M-139 corridor.

The two positions will work in coordination with several township departments, but primarily serve under the direction of the police chief.

The ordinance enforcement officer will respond to citizen complaints, prepare notices of violations, issue citations, maintain a file for each inspection and violation and prepare reports to the board and other departments.

The court officer is expected to transport police reports, warrant requests and citations, distribute paperwork to the courthouse, serve subpoenas to victims and witnesses, review paperwork at the courthouse as necessary and transport bond money to the court.

New sergeants

The police department received approval to hire two patrol sergeants.

Evan Smith and Tyler Tiefenbach were promoted after the township has had to use acting sergeants since January 2019, when the positions became available.

Five patrolmen took part in the promotional process, as all five were added to the sergeant promotional list. Smith and Tiefenbach were field training officers for the department.

Smit told trustees the department currently has two officer vacancies, but he expects that number to grow to four as at least two officers plan to retire this year.

The next board meeting is at 5:30 p.m. on July 21 at Benton Township Hall.

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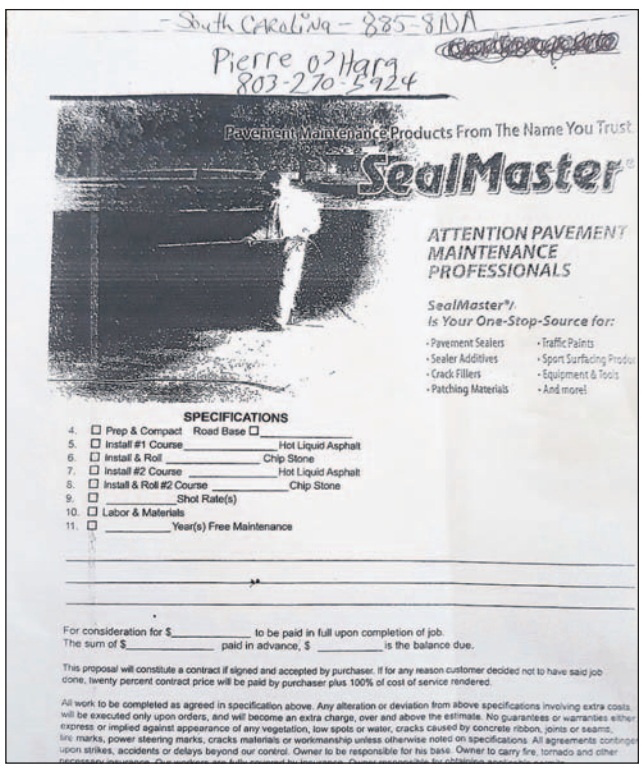
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Police say this is a copy of the contract being used to dupe residents of the area into a phony driveway-sealing scam.

Berrien Sheriff's Office warns of driveway scam

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

O'HARA

NILES — The Berrien County Sheriff's Office is warning residents of a scam that has been reported in the Berrien Springs, Niles and Buchanan areas.

Police said a man is offering to seal driveways, provides paperwork from Seal Master/Sherwin Williams as a contractor, takes payments up front, then leaves without completing any work. He also has been seen on residential security cameras looking into barns and garages, police said.

The sheriff's office has identified the suspect in the scam as Pierre O'Hara, 26 years old and described him as a white male, 6 feet tall, weighing 160 pounds, with brown hair and blue eyes. Police say he is driving a white Dodge pickup truck with a South Carolina license plate numbered 8858NA.

Deputy Kelly Laesch, crime prevention coordinator for the Berrien County Sheriff's Office, is asking residents to share this information with their friends and family.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Berrien County Sheriff's Office Detective Bureau at 983-7141 Ext. 7224.

Contact: jswidwa@TheHP.com, 932-0359, Twitter @HPSwidwa

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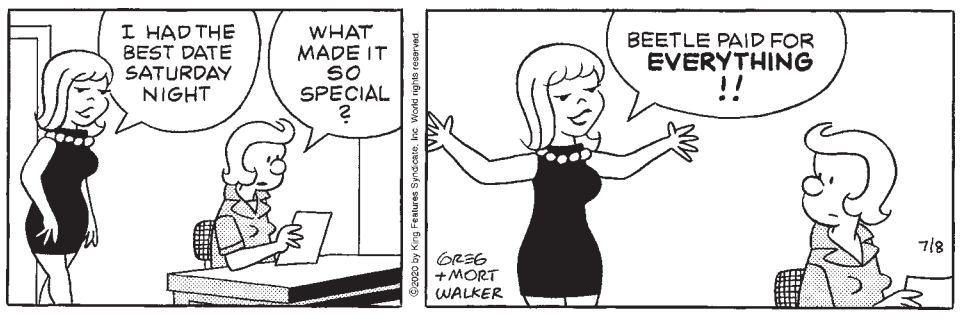
I HAD THE BEST DATE SATURDAY NIGHT
WHAT MADE IT SO SPECIAL ?
BEETLE PAID FOR EVERYTHING !!
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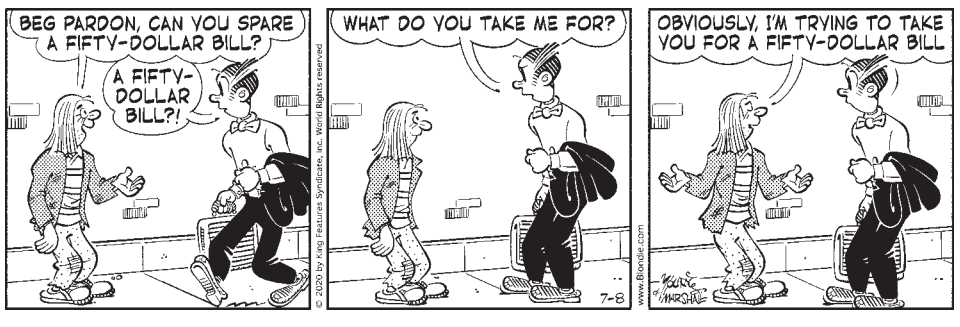
BEG PARDON, CAN YOU SPARE A FIFTY-DOLLAR BILL?
A FIFTY-DOLLAR BILL?!
WHAT DO YOU TAKE ME FOR?
OBVIOUSLY, I'M TRYING TO TAKE YOU FOR A FIFTY-DOLLAR BILL
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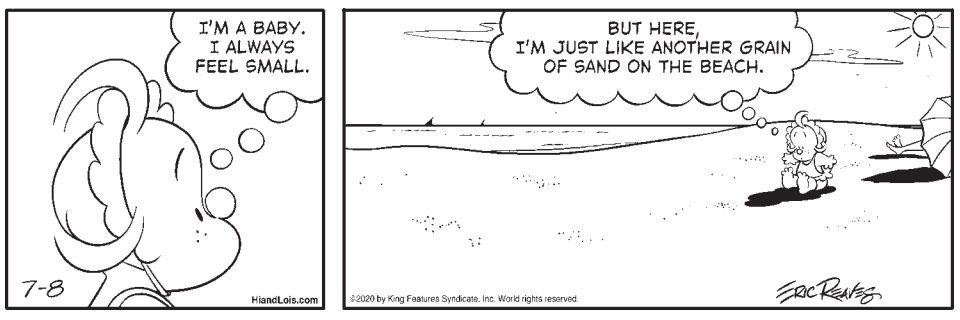
HI & LOIS


I'M A BABY. I ALWAYS FEEL SMALL.
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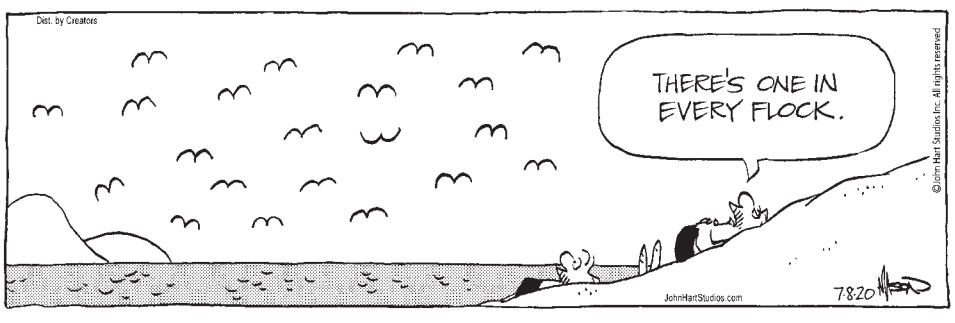

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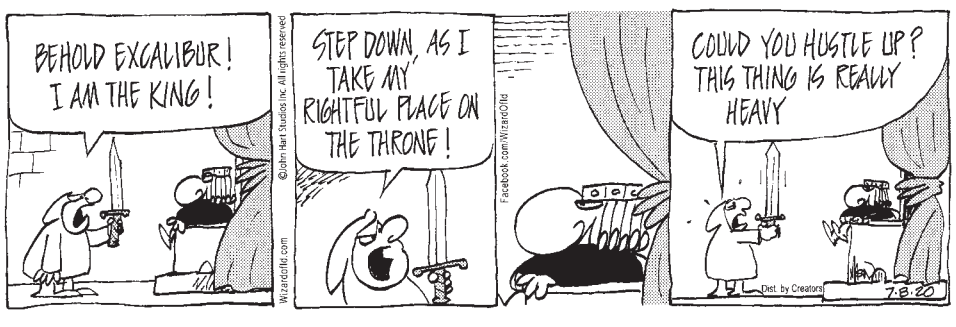
BEHOLD EXCALIBUR! I AM THE KING!
STEP DOWN, AS I TAKE MY RIGHTFUL PLACE ON THE THRONE!
COULD YOU HUSTLE UP? THIS THING IS REALLY HEAVY
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DILBERT

PUT THIS ON A PIE CHART INSTEAD OF A LINE GRAPH.
NO, THAT'S STUPID. I'M NOT GOING TO DO THAT.
OH. OKAY.
WHY IS THIS WORKING?
CONTINUED. . .
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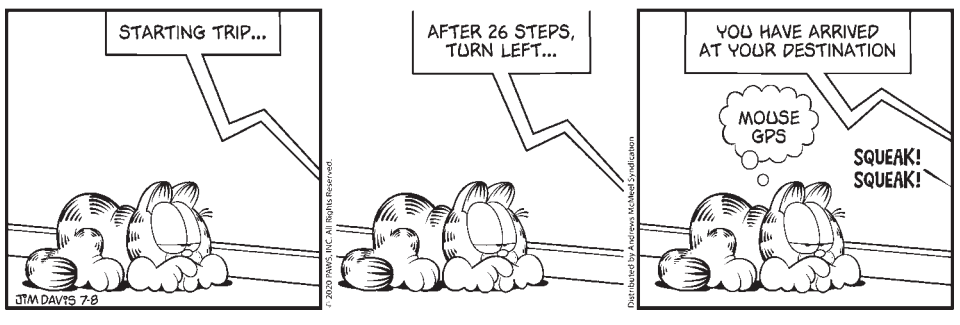
STARTING TRIP...
AFTER 26 STEPS, TURN LEFT...
YOU HAVE ARRIVED AT YOUR DESTINATION
MOUSE GPS
SQUEAK! SQUEAK!
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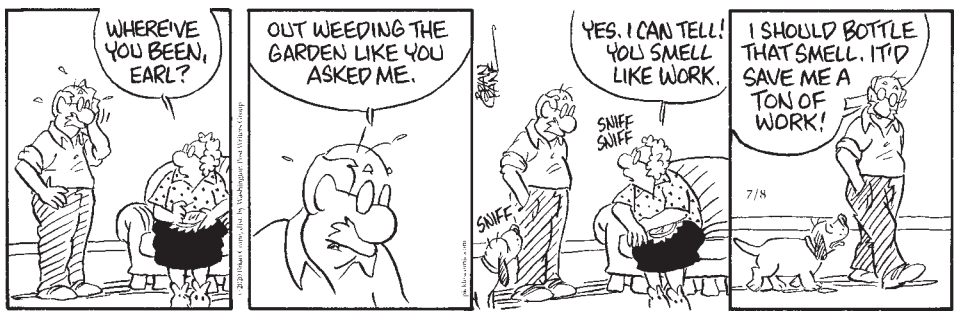
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OUT WEEDING THE GARDEN LIKE YOU ASKED ME.
SNIFF SNIFF
YES, I CAN TELL! YOU SMELL LIKE WORK.
I SHOULD BOTTLE THAT SMELL. IT'D SAVE ME A TON OF WORK!
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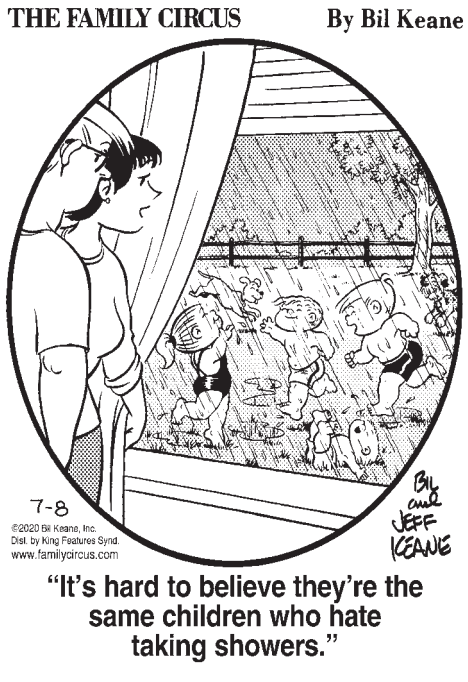
THE FAMILY CIRCUS
By Bil Keane
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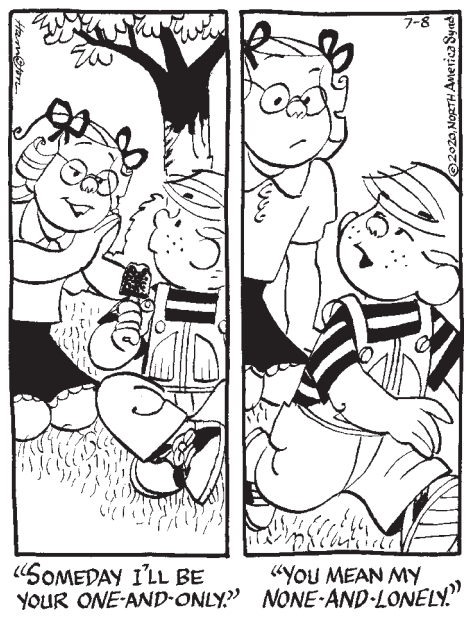
Bil and JEFF KEANE
"It's hard to believe they're the same children who hate taking showers."

DENNIS THE MENACE



BABY BLUES

MOM, HAVING A DOG WOULD BE A FUN FAMILY ACTIVITY!
US KIDS WOULD FEED IT AND WALK IT, YOU COULD BATHE IT...
WHAT ABOUT PICKING UP THE DOG POOP?
YES! EVEN DAD COULD HELP!
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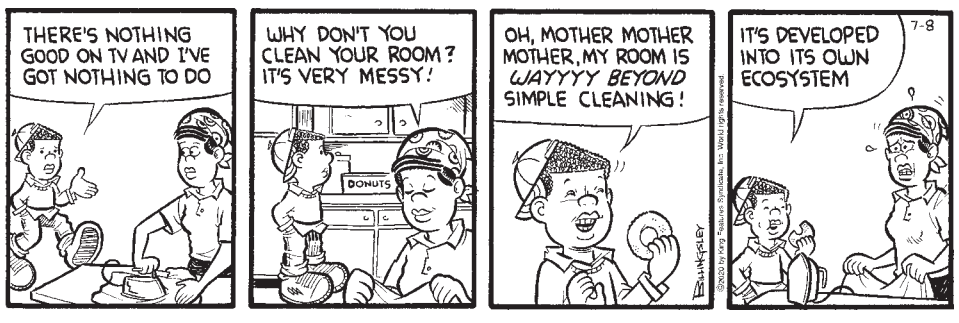
CURTIS


THERE'S NOTHING GOOD ON TV AND I'VE GOT NOTHING TO DO
WHY DON'T YOU CLEAN YOUR ROOM? IT'S VERY MESSY!
DONUTS
OH, MOTHER MOTHER MOTHER, MY ROOM IS WAYYYY BEYOND SIMPLE CLEANING!
IT'S DEVELOPED INTO ITS OWN ECOSYSTEM
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WAZZUP, MOM?
(GRUNT)
MUMBLEMUMBLE MUMBLEMUMBLE
I CAN'T HEAR A WORD YOU'RE SAYING!
SO KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!
DON'T YOU KNOW IRONY WHEN YOU SEE IT??
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HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING I CAN SNACK ON?
THERE'S LEFTOVERS
YOU CAN PICK THE CRUMBS OFF OF YESTERDAY'S SHIRT!
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MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

HERE WE ARE, KIDS
THIS IS THE WORST MOTEL YOU'VE EVER BOOKED US INTO...
WHAT MAKES YOU SAY THAT, GRIMM?
THERE'S A CHALK OUTLINE OF A BODY AT THE ICE MACHINE
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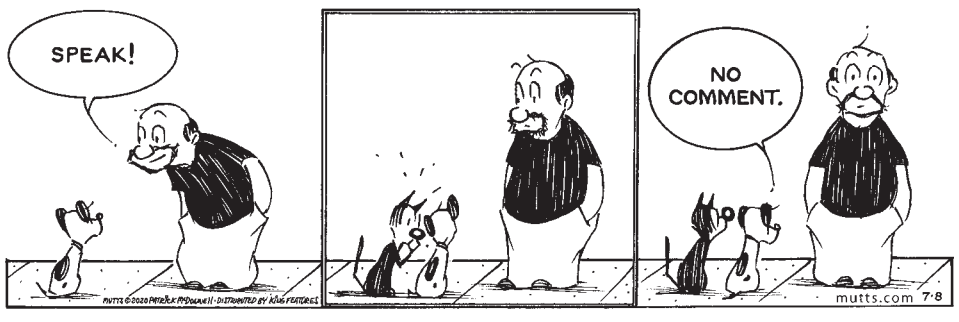
MUTTS



SALLY FORTH

UH-OH. I REMEMBER THIS PART OF THE TRIP...
WHAT IS IT, HIL?
THIS IS THE DAY WE HAD TO LEAVE THE THEME PARK AND I CRIED AND CRIED AND KEPT ASKING TO STAY JUST A LITTLE LONGER...
BUT SINCE WE'RE RECALLING ALL THIS, WE CAN JUST STAY IN THIS MEMORY FOREVER!
THAT'S CALLED GOING CATATONIC, SWEETIE.
BESIDES, OUR NEIGHBORS ARE PROBABLY ALREADY WONDERING WHY WE'VE BEEN SITTING QUIETLY ON OUR PATIO FOR THE PAST FEW HOURS, STARING AT NOTHING.
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PRIME TIME TV

WEDNESDAY EVENING JULY 8

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC 7 13 41 57	Wheel of Fortune	The Goldbergs	black-ish	The Conners	Housewife	Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D. (N)	
CBS 2 3 22	Ent. Tonight	Tough as Nails The cast is introduced.		Game On! (N) CC		SEAL Team CC (DVS)	
NBC 5 8 16	Ac. Hollywood	Chicago Med CC (DVS)		Chicago Fire "Where We End Up"		Chicago P.D. "Intimate Violence"	
FOX 17 222 28 32	Modern Family	MasterChef "Joe Takes a Risk" CC		Ultimate Tag (N) CC (DVS)		Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) CC	
PBS 34	Outdoor Elements	Spy in the Wild: A Nature Miniseries		NOVA Australia's unusual creatures.		China: Power and Prosperity -- PBS	
CW 25	Big Bang Theory	The 100 "Anaconda" (N) CC		Bulletproof "Episode 5" (N) CC		News	Seinfeld CC
MNT 50	Family Feud	Chicago P.D. "Thirty Balloons" CC		Dateline "Consumed" CC		Dateline "Tangled" CC	
WCIU 26	Mike & Molly	The 100 "Anaconda" (N) CC		Bulletproof "Episode 5" (N) CC		2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls
WHME 46	:00 Heartland	Heartland "Cowgirls Don't Cry"		Highway to Heaven "Highway to Heaven"		Nightly News	
WGN 9	News	black-ish	black-ish	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	WGN News at Nine (N) (L) CC	
A&E	:00 The First 48	The First 48 "The Other Wife" CC		The First 48 "Jacked; Fallen Idol"		The First 48: Squad Stories: Miami (N)	
AMC	Green MI	★★ Rambo ('08, Action) Sylvester Stallone, Julie Benz, Matthew Marsden. CC				★★★ First Blood ('82) CC	
Animal	Lone Star	Lone Star Law: Uncuffed (N)				North Wo. Law	
BET	★★ The Best Man Holiday			T. Perry's The Oval		American Soul (N)	
Big Ten	6:30 Student U	Student U From April 14, 2017. CC					Student U
Bravo	Housewives	Real Housewives/ Beverly		Real Housewives/ Beverly		Watch What	Housewives
Cartoon	We Bare	American	American	American	Rick	Burgers	Burgers
Cinemax	Shanghai Knights	Asylum ('08, Horror) Sarah Roemer, Mark Rolston. CC			:35 ★★ Dark Water ('05) Jennifer Connelly. CC		
CMT	Last Man	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom
CNBC	Spec.	Shark Tank CC		Shark Tank		Jay Leno's Garage	
CNN	OutFront	Anderson Cooper		Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight	
Comedy	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk
Discovery	Expedition	Expedition Unknown: Uncovered (N) CC		Expedition Unknown (N) CC		:08 Mysteries of the Deep (N) CC	
Disney	:00 Zombies		:45 Zombies 2 ('20) CC			Gabby Duran	
DIY	Holmes	Holmes & Holmes		Holmes & Holmes		Holmes & Holmes	
E!	Hitch ('05)	:15 ★★★ Hitch ('05) Will Smith, Eva Mendes. CC					
ESPN	SportCtr	MLS Soccer: Group Stage					MLS
ESPN2	:00 NBA2K League Week 9, Day 2. (N) (L)						
ESPNC	Football	College Football				College Football	
Food	Grocery	Guy's Games		Guy's Games		Guy's Games	
Fox News	The Story	Tucker Carlson		Hannity (N) CC		The Ingraham Angle	
Fox Sports	Sport	Detroit Tigers Classics From Oct. 4, 1987.					Hello
Freefrm	5:30 ★★★ The Blind Side ('09)			★★ Miss Congeniality ('00, Comedy) Sandra Bullock, Michael Caine, Benjamin Bratt. CC			
FX	X-Men: Apoc	★★ Kingsman: The Golden Circle ('17) Colin Firth. British spies join forces with their American counterparts. CC					
Golf	PGA	Golf's Greatest Rounds (N) CC					
Hallmark	Cookie Cutter	Holiday Date ('19, Comedy) Brittany Bristow, Matt Cohen, April Telek. CC				Golden Girls	Golden Girls
HBO	6:10 In Time	★★ Fast & Furious Presents: Hobbs & Shaw ('19, Action) Dwayne Johnson, Jason Statham. CC					I'll Be Gone
History	Forged	Forged in Fire: Beat		Forged in Fire: Beat		:03 Counting Cars	
HGTV	Property	Hot Mess	Hot Mess	Property Brothers		Hunters	Hunt Intl
Learning	My 600-	My 600-Lb. Life Tamy becomes a hermit.				My 600-Lb. Life	
Lifetime	Married-Sight	Married at First Sight (N) CC		Married at First Sight "Kickoff Special" (P) of the new season. (N) CC			
MSNBC	Decision	All In With		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word	
MTV	Ridic.	The Challenge (N) CC			Revenge	Revenge	Ridic.
NBCSCH	Baseball	Chicago Blackhawks Rewind (N)				Baseball	Boxing
NFL	NFL Total	NFL Football 2018 Week 3. From Sept. 23, 2018. CC					
Nick	Sponge.	Henry	Danger	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
NGEO	Smuggler	To Catch a Smuggler		To Catch a Smuggler		To Catch a Smuggler	
Oxygen	Dateline: Secrets	Dateline: Secrets Uncovered "Angels & Demons" Investigators suspicious of deaths.				Dateline: Secrets Uncovered CC	
Parmt	Two Men	★★★ The Italian Job ('03) Mark Wahlberg. CC					Four Bros
Showtime	Scary Stories	★★ The Ring ('02, Horror) Naomi Watts, Martin Henderson. CC				Outcry CC	
Starz	6:39 ★★ Hulk ('03) Eric Bana, Jennifer Connelly. CC			★★★ Ice Age ('02) Voices of Ray Romano. CC			Men in Black
STZENC	6:51 ★★★ State of Play ('09) Russell Crowe. CC			★★ Robin Hood ('10, Adventure) Russell Crowe, Cate Blanchett. CC			
SyFy	6:35 ★★ Resident Evil: The Final Chapter ('16, Horror)			★★★ Mad Max: Fury Road ('15) Tom Hardy, Charlize Theron. CC (DVS)			
TBS	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Full Frontal
TCM	Hollywd-Home	★★★ Harvey ('50, Comedy) James Stewart, Josephine Hull. CC				★★★ Bringing Up Baby ('38)	
TMC	Letters to Juliet	★★★ City Slickers ('91, Comedy) Billy Crystal, Daniel Stern, Bruno Kirby. CC				City Slickers II-Curly's Gold	
TNT	Red	All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite (N) CC				Legend Tarzan	
Travel	Paranorm.	Expedition Bigfoot (N) CC				Bigfoot is Real (N)	
TV Land	Andy G.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond
USA	:00 NCIS	WWE NXT (N) (L) CC				Chrisley Knows	Chrisley Knows
VH1	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out
WGN-A	Married ... With	Married ... With	Married ... With	Married ... With	Married ... With	Married ... With	Married ... With

Hoarding disorder is not a sign of laziness

DEAR DOCTOR: Our older sister has become a hoarder. The halls in her house are filling up with junk, and you can't even get into her kitchen anymore. My brother and I worry she's not safe. Why does a hoarding disorder happen? How do we help her?

Elizabeth Ko & Eve Glazier
Ask the Doctors

DEAR READER: Hoarding disorder is a recognized diagnosis in the DSM-5 – the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, which is the authoritative guide to the diagnosis of mental disorders. People who are hoarders struggle to discard or part with possessions that others see as useless. They acquire and store vast amounts of stuff, which compromises the function and safety of their homes. When asked why, they will express the belief that the objects have either monetary or sentimental value, or that they may be useful in the future. While other people see accumulations of old newspapers, magazines, plastic bags, tools, broken furniture or household items as worthless junk, these things exert a powerful mental and emotional pull on the person who amassed them.

You and your brother are correct that a hoarding disorder can pose a real risk to health and safety. There's the danger of trips or falls. The inability to use a bathroom, bedroom or kitchen as intended interferes with both physical well-being and hygiene. Piles of stuff often block ventilation or heating ducts and obstruct windows and doors, which create safety and fire hazards. Cramped and chaotic conditions encourage dust, mold or mildew, as well as insect and rodent infestations. All of this can lead to structural damage to the home, and even pose a danger to neighbors.

There are psychological harms as well. People who hoard often live with a profound sense of shame. And as you are experiencing, hoarding affects the family as well. It can cause relationships to become strained or impaired, and for many people who hoard, the disorder leads to social isolation.

It's important to understand that hoarding has nothing to do with being messy, lazy or indecisive. Instead, it's a mental health disorder. People who hoard struggle to decide when to throw something away. When faced with discarding or giving away their possessions, they experience great distress and anxiety. Researchers have linked hoarding to obsessive-compulsive disorder, or OCD, and to depression and anxiety disorders. Scans of hoarders asked to divide mail into "keep" and "discard" piles have shown spikes of activity in the emotional centers of the brain.

When it comes to helping someone with a hoarding disorder, persuasion, logic or arguments don't work. Neither does force. Instead, experts recommend beginning by clearly stating your concerns for the person's health and safety. Most hoarders know that something is wrong, and that their living situations are both peculiar and dangerous. Then, provide avenues of assistance. Some people find help with cognitive behavioral therapy, in which the individual is guided to identify and understand their thinking patterns, and then focus on gradual change. Individual therapy with a specialist in hoarding disorders can be helpful, as can group therapy, which allows the person to see they are not alone. You can find more information and resources at the Anxiety and Depression Association of America's website, at adaa.org.

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Should we tell our dad a recently discovered secret about his dad?

DEAR CAROLYN: In doing family research, my brother's wife came across documents indicating that my dad's dad was still married to another woman when he married my grandmother in December 1927. The divorce on the first marriage was not finalized until October 1928. My dad, his younger brother and older sister are all still living. The older sister was actually born in September 1928.

Carolyn Hax

There was never talk of a different, first wife prior to my grandfather's marriage to my grandmother, so this was a surprising discovery.

We are all leaning toward keeping this information to ourselves. What is the point of anyone knowing it at this late date? Why possibly impact how these clear-thinking siblings (all over 85) feel about their dad?

However, does that decision belong to us? That is, are we not sharing information with people that is their business? – Family Research Assistant

FAMILY RESEARCH ASSISTANT: Fascinating.

I wish I could give you an answer as juicy and definitive as what your sister-in-law turned up.

But the questions you ask do a good job of illuminating why that's impossible: What indeed is the point of their having this information now, except to diminish their view of their father? And, yes, who are you to decide that for them?

A note, if I may, about the point of sharing the truth: The "new" information about their father might complete or help make sense of old impressions they have of him, or of gaps in their understanding. They also might just not care anymore about a century-old choice that affected them barely if at all.

But anyway. The two truths are that it's not necessary to tell, and it's not up to you to decide what's necessary.

The information that tips the decision toward one truth or the other isn't which one you (or I) embrace. It's what the potential recipient of this news embraces.

Obviously you can't read minds. But you can probably achieve some accuracy at reading people, if you push your own preferences out of the way. As is confirmed and reconfirmed daily in America's divided political climate, there are two general temperaments out there: people who *do not want their comfortable narratives challenged*, not one bit, no matter how solid the challenging facts – and there are people who *do not want information kept from them*, not one bit, not even if it hurts.

Which of these describes your father?

You and your brother must have an inkling, if not a certainty.

The fact of his siblings does complicate this, since he could be a want-to-know type among those who'd put their fingers in their ears and sing LA-LA-LA while he's talking. Knowing that, he could feel only burdened by any knowledge you give him.

But that still falls within the scope of the main question for you and your brother: Would your dad want to know?

Which seems fitting. A question about how well your father knows his father depends on how well you two know your father. My apologies if this is, as I suspect, particularly unhelpful help.

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13 Snowy period
14 Disentangle
15 Get bigger
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19 Flightless bird
22 Electrical unit
24 Strike ignorer
28 Drama section
29 Brings action
30 Arm bone
31 Same old grind
32 Doctrine
33 Edit, as text
34 Wanted poster word
36 Wire measure
38 Dog days mo.
39 Jung's first name
40 Cincinnati MLBers
41 Upsilon preceder
42 Linoleum measurement
43 Fruit cooler
44 Crafty
45 Ship's front
47 Skill
50 California desert
53 Piece of china
57 Dwarfs
58 Long-distance race
59 Leaseholder
60 Fixed

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3 Stat for Greenspan
4 Airport estimates
5 Comedian Jay
6 Demanding
7 Misgivings
8 Golden Rule word
9 Pouched animal
10 Director — Burton
11 Yale grad
12 Off. employee
19 Musical rattle
20 Of the eye
21 Duds
23 Finished a skirt
25 Turf grabbers
26 Summer flower
27 Villain (2 wds.)
29 Female rel.
33 Metro RRs
35 Crimson Tide
37 Forms a thought
40 Least cooked
46 Kitchen appliance
48 Landlord's income
49 Dramatic intro (hyph.)
50 Execs
51 Countdown number
52 "Garfield" guy
54 Junior reporter
55 Website addr.
56 Baltimore bard

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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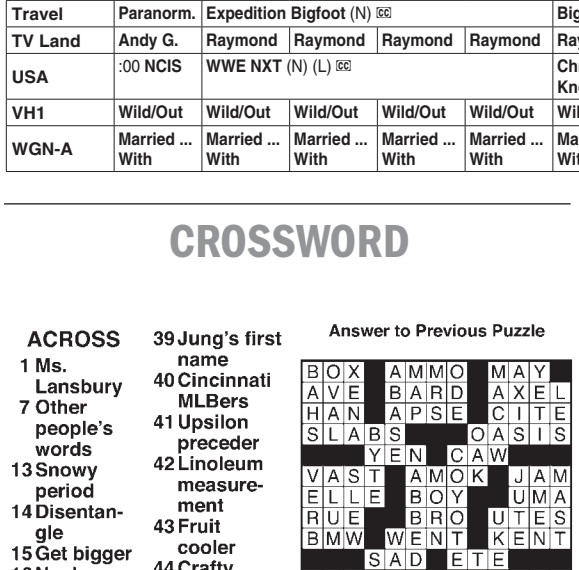

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

PUREP

GYNTA

DIZCOA

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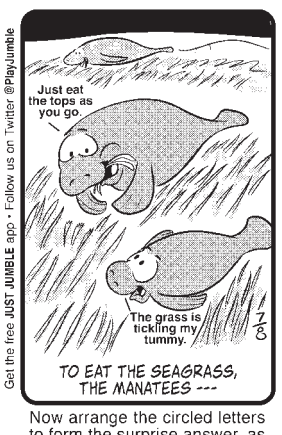
Just eat the tops as you go.
The grass is tickling my tummy.
TO EAT THE SEAGRASS, THE MANATEES ---
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print your answer here: _____ _____

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: THIRD BLESS SQUAWK COLDER
Answer: To complete the painting of the golf course's thicket, the artist took — BRUSH STROKES

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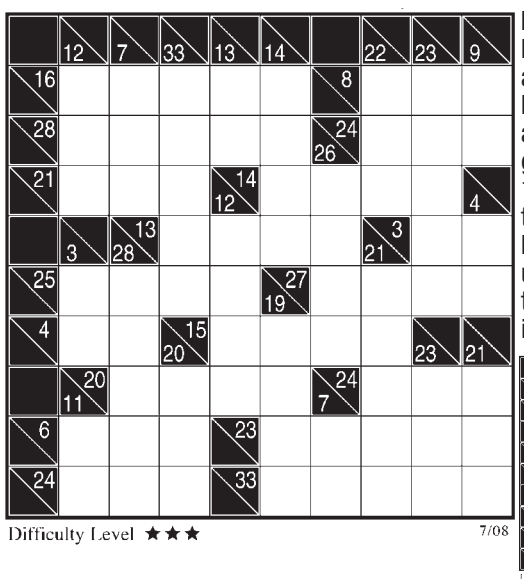
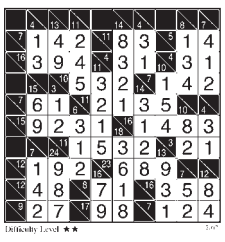


Difficulty Level ★★★ 7/08

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



BRIDGE

Henry Winkler, he of "The Fonz" fame, said, "Assumptions are the termites of relationships."

Assumptions can be the consumers of good results at the bridge table. In today's deal, players who rely on a normal assumption will end poorer and wiser.

Against four spades, West leads the heart king. East overtakes with the ace and returns his second heart. West wins that trick and shifts to the diamond nine. East plays his second ace and leads back a diamond. How should South continue?

The bidding was predictable through four spades. West had a textbook weak-three opening, showing a good seven-card suit and some 6-10 high-card points; North a fine takeout double; East a sound raise; and South an easy four-spade advance. East wondered about sacrificing in five hearts, but the vulnerability was unfavorable. What would have happened in five hearts doubled?

South, needing the rest of the tricks, had to find the club queen. Given that West had seven hearts and East only two, there was a natural assumption that East would hold the club queen. But declarer could get the facts.

He ruffed the second diamond high (just in case West started with a singleton), drew trumps ending on the board and cashed the last diamond. What had South learned?

He had discovered that West began with one spade, seven hearts, two diamonds and, therefore, three clubs. Declarer played a club to his king, then finessed through West.

Five hearts doubled would have cost 800 if North had led a trump at trick one (or at trick two after starting with the spade king).

North 07-08-20
♠ K Q 10 7
♥ J 5
♦ K Q J
♣ A J 9 8

West
♠ 9
♥ K Q 10 9 6 4 3
♦ 9 2
♣ Q 6 3

East
♠ 8 5 4
♥ A 2
♦ A 10 8 7 6 5 3
♣ 2

South
♠ A J 6 3 2
♥ 8 7
♦ 4
♣ K 10 7 5 4

Dealer: West
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
	3♥	Dbl.	4♥
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ K

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

4			7	1	8	3		6
8				3		7		
					5			8
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3		8	4	9	7			2

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

7	2	6	1	5	4	9	8	3
5	9	1	7	8	3	2	4	6
3	8	4	9	2	6	1	5	7
8	3	9	5	6	7	4	2	1
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1	7	5	4	3	2	8	6	9
4	6	7	2	9	5	3	1	8
9	1	3	6	4	8	5	7	2
2	5	8	3	7	1	6	9	4

Treating unsightly varicose veins

Minimally invasive procedures make treatment simple

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

Don Campbell / HP staff

Dr. Glen Hastings specializes in treating patients with varicose veins at Lakeland General Surgery.

ST. JOSEPH — About 75 percent of adults will get a varicose vein in their legs at some point in their adult life.

"Varicose veins are very common. They range from minor to serious, and a lot of them have symptoms," said Dr. Glen Hastings, a St. Joseph general surgeon who specializes in veins.

Hastings has been a doctor for 28 years, but the last 15 of those he has been treating varicose and spider veins almost full-time.

He said vein treatment evolved around that time from traditional vein stripping surgeries to minimally invasive procedures that can be done in the office.

"Most people are up on their feet the next day," he said. "Most daily activities are fine, showering and walking the dog. We restrict vigorous exercise like running and jogging for a couple of days, but that's it."

Varicose veins occur when valves inside of veins fail, which allows blood to back up and pool. Over the years, these veins will enlarge and start to show through the skin. Eventually, the blood pooling in those veins will cause symptoms.

The symptoms include achy and sore legs, pain in the legs, cramping and charley horses, and restless legs at night.

"Since it comes on over a period of years, some people will just say, 'Hey, I'm getting older. I'm more achy at the end of the day. I'm 20 years older than I used to be.' But really it could be the veins are contributing to that," Hastings said.

Hastings said this can develop in anyone, but there are some risk factors, like people who stand all day on the job.

"While we're standing, our veins are working against gravity to get blood back up to our hearts," he said. "So folks that are standing all day at work are definitely at more of a risk to have one of their veins fail, but it's a combination of risk factors."

Varicose veins can also run in families, and pregnancies are a contributing factor. Hastings said the more pregnancies a woman has, the more veins you'll see afterward. But, men can get varicose veins just as easily as women.

He said people start to really notice these veins in their 50s and 60s.

"It's a progressive thing that happens over time," Hastings said. "Once you have them, they're not going to go away on their own, but when you start having symptoms, that's when you should seek treatment."

Mary Ciaravino was one of Hastings patients who had pain and an uncomfortable ache while standing for long hours at work.

"My right leg would swell so bad, my primary care provider said I needed to make sure I didn't have a blood clot," she told Spectrum Health Lakeland in an interview. "(Hastings) performed an ultrasound on me right in his office and told me I would be a good candidate for varicose vein treatment."

While some larger veins still need to be removed with small incisions, Hastings mostly uses laser endovenous ablation, chemical adhesive endovenous ablation or ultrasound guided sclerotherapy.

When he's using one of these treatments, he's sealing and closing abnormal veins in the best way for that specific patient's needs.

Hastings said his office has everything needed for someone to walk in and be evaluated.

"We have an ultrasound machine to work up a diagnosis," he said. "You can really map and see where the vein problems are. All in one visit we know what we're dealing with and talk about treatment."

Ciaravino said she noticed an instant difference in her legs after her treatment, with only a little bit of bruising.

Hastings said most varicose vein procedures are covered by insurance because it's a medical condition if you have symptoms.

"If you just have small spider veins that are ugly and you want to treat them for that reason, then it's considered cosmetic," he said.

He did note that people may have to come back to him, as new varicose veins can keep developing over time, but with the procedures being so minimally invasive, they're easy to treat as they develop.

"Seventy-five percent of adults don't need to come see me just because they have a few veins showing," he said, "but once they have symptomatic problems, treatment can take those symptoms away."

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SCHOLARSHIPS

Tony Craft receives $1,000 scholarship

CRAFT

ST. JOSEPH — Michigan Sheriffs' Association Executive Director Matt Saxton and Berrien County Sheriff Paul Bailey recently presented Tony Craft with the Michigan Sheriffs' Association Criminal Justice Scholarship.

MSA offers $1,000 scholarships to five graduating high school seniors. One student from each of five districts who is interested in pursuing a career in criminal justice is chosen for this scholarship.

Craft has been a member of the Berrien County Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement Explorer Post 602 for four years and currently serves as captain. Post 602 is sponsored by Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 96, and is hosted at the Berrien County Sheriff's Office.

Craft is a 2020 graduate of Coloma High School, and plans to attend Lake Michigan College this fall.

Foundation awards scholarships, grants

ST. JOSEPH — Through the Allied Health Careers Scholarship program, Spectrum Health Lakeland Foundation has awarded $47,500 in scholarships to Lakeland staff and area students who are pursuing a career in health care.

Another $54,000 will be awarded in department grants to support continuing education opportunities for staffers.

The scholarships and grants are made possible largely through endowments, and are used to invest in health care education and training.

During the virtual scholarship ceremony, foundation President Brandi Smith presented Chido Masiya, a nursing director at Pine Ridge Nursing and Rehabilitation, with the Leo Soorus Leadership Award to honor her outstanding leadership, her efforts to inspire team members and for safely caring for residents during the COVID-19 pandemic, including establishing a COVID-19 unit.

The award and grant honors Soorus' many contributions to Southwest Michigan as a Lakeland executive and a leader of multiple community and professional organizations.

Lakeland staff and area students – listed by their hometowns – who received scholarships through the foundation were:

Benton Harbor: Chloe Kalinas, Whirlpool Foundation Nursing Scholarship; Jenna Wyant, Bill & Golda Madison Memorial Allied Health Careers Scholarship

Berrien Center: Roberta Armstrong, The James W. Tiscornia Memorial Nursing Scholarship; Stacey Layman, Frederick S. Upton Memorial Nursing Scholarship

Berrien Springs: Klarissa Burch, Lakeland Health Auxiliary Pawating Volunteer Scholarship; Amanda Marsh, MD, John Proos, MD Memorial Scholarship; Alexandra Soos, The Walter B. Laetz Memorial Allied Health Careers Scholarship; Shelley Thibeault, The Victor Palenske Memorial Allied Health Careers Scholarship

Coloma: Tiana Green, The G. Clemens Theisen Memorial Allied Health Careers Scholarship

Dowagiac: Keara Rankin, Muriel Huizenga Memorial Allied Health Careers Scholarship Endowment Fund

Galien: Emma Lozmack, Lakeland Health Auxiliary Pawating Volunteer Scholarship

Hartford: Jessica Cardoso, Community Hospital Foundation Scholarship; Joel Soto, Lakeland Hospital Watervliet Auxiliary Scholarship

Kalamazoo: Haley Thibeault, Lakeland Family Scholarship

Lawton: Hannah Helton, Brian Parker Memorial Foundation Scholarship

Niles: Hannah Albright, Niles College Scholarship; Jessica Blank, Niles College Scholarship; Tyler Clutter, Growth and Achievement Scholarship; Sean Gurley, Frederick S. Upton Memorial Nursing Scholarship; Kennan Janowski, Lakeland Health Auxiliary Berrien General Volunteer Scholarship

Sawyer: Luke Linscheid, Bill & Golda Madison Memorial Allied Health Careers Scholarship

St. Joseph: Lauren Cook, Gen Starkey Volunteer Scholarship; Thomas Chen, Lakeland Health Auxiliary Pawating Volunteer Scholarship; Victoria Felton, The William E. Johnson Memorial Scholarship; Larissa Grinvalds, DO, Graduate Medical Education Alumni Fund; Simi Jain, Deborah Lynn Griffin Memorial Scholarship; Zach Kreiner, Lakeland Health Auxiliary Volunteer Scholarship; Jordan Sanderson, Lakeland Family Scholarship; Hailey Smith, The Margaret L. Tufts Memorial Allied Health Careers Scholarship

Stevensville: Rachel Eaton, The Joseph A. Wasserman Scholarship; Mehul Kedia, Lakeland Health Auxiliary Volunteer Scholarship; Chido Masiya, Leo Soorus Leadership Award; Carter Strebeck, Lakeland Family Scholarship; Allison Tuckowski, Ruth Frobel Memorial Nursing Scholarship

Watervliet: Trever Pelton, Lakeland Hospital Watervliet Auxiliary Scholarship; Brett Thumm, Jack & Dorothy Thatcher Memorial Scholarship Endowment

IN BRIEF

Food pantry returns

The Feeding America West Michigan Mobile Food Pantry will make a number of stops locally this month, including:

- 4 p.m. Thursday, First Christian Church, 121 Oak St., Dowagiac
- 4 p.m. Friday, Eau Claire Seventh-day Adventist Church, 6562 Naomi Road, Eau Claire
- 2 p.m. Saturday, Trinity Church of God in Christ, 2029 Red Arrow Highway, Benton Harbor
- 4 p.m. July 15, Stevensville United Methodist Church, 5506 Ridge Road
- 3 p.m. July 20, Galien Township Fire Department, 305 Kiley Drive
- 3 p.m. July 21, Hope Community Church, 2390 Lake St., Niles
- 3 p.m. July 22, American Legion, 204 W. Linden St., Three Oaks
- 1 p.m. July 23, Community Nonprofit Housing Corp., 870 Nate Wells Drive, Benton Harbor
- 3 p.m. July 24, First Baptist Church, 1446 E. Main St., Niles
- 4 p.m. July 28, ACTION Ministry Center, 301 Main St., Dowagiac
- 4 p.m. July 29, New Freedom Church, 6210 Mountain Road, Coloma
- Noon July 30, Trinity Lutheran Church, 619 Main St., St. Joseph
- 4 p.m. July 30 Baroda Bible Church, 9058 Third St.

For a complete list of stops, visit www.feedwm.org/mobile-pantry-schedule.

Entrepreneurship camp coming up

Berrien County 4-H will host a free entrepreneurship camp via Zoom from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. July 27-30 for ages 14-19.

A packet of materials will be mailed to participants prior to camp, and will include a daily snack for break time.

The camp is limited to 20 people on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more info, or to register, visit events.anr.msu.edu/Berrien4hECamp. The deadline is Monday.

Library to host used book sale

DECATUR — Van Buren District Library will host a limited-capacity Renovation Used Book Sale from July 20 to Aug. 1 at Webster Memorial Library, 200 N. Phelps St.

Webster Memorial is set to undergo a major interior renovation in the next few months. To prepare for the project, staff are assessing materials to get rid of the old to make room for the new.

The Community Room will be set up for social distancing, and shoppers are asked to wear masks. If the room's capacity is reached, shoppers must wait outside.

Sale hours can be found online at www.vbdl.org/events.

In exchange for the books, shoppers are asked to make a donation to The Friends of the Van Buren District Library.

BLOOD DRIVES

American Red Cross

- Noon-4:45 p.m. Thursday, Bethel Baptist Church, 6701 Blue Star Highway, South Haven.
- 11 a.m.-4:45 p.m. July 15, Silver Beach Center, 333 Broad St., St. Joseph.
- 11 a.m.-4:45 p.m. July 15, Moose Lodge, 101 S. Redbud Trail, Buchanan.
- 11 a.m.-4:45 p.m. July 16, Knights of Columbus, 7454 Paw Paw Ave., Watervliet.
- Noon-5:45 p.m. July 17, Trinity Lutheran Church, 619 Main St., St. Joseph.
- Noon-5:45 p.m. July 20, Lawton Evangelical Mennonite Church, 425 Nursery St.
- Noon-5:45 p.m. July 21, Moose Lodge, 1025 Wells St., South Haven.
- 11 a.m.-4:45 p.m. July 23, Andrews University's Pioneer Memorial Church, 400 University Blvd., Berrien Springs.
- Noon-5:45 p.m. July 24, Calvary Baptist Church, 27032 Marcellus Highway, Dowagiac.
- Noon-4:45 p.m. July 24, Hartford United Methodist Church, 425 E. Main St.
- Noon-5:45 p.m. July 29, Hidden Pointe, 1062 Nickerson Road, Benton Harbor.
- Noon-5:45 p.m. July 31, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 2673 W. John Beers Road, Stevensville.

Versiti Blood Center

- 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Friday, Marie Yeager Cancer Center, Kinney and Ward conference rooms, 3900 Hollywood Road, St. Joseph.
- 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, 2710 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph.
- 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, 2710 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph.
- 2-8 p.m. Monday, Hostetler Metal Sales, meeting room, 58644 Red Arrow Highway, Hartford.
- 2-7 p.m. Tuesday, St. Bernard Catholic Church, community room, 555 E. Delaware Ave., Benton Harbor.
- Noon-7 p.m. July 15, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, 2710 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph.
- 11 a.m.-4 p.m. July 17, Ascension Borgess-Lee Hospital, oncology room, 420 W. High St., Dowagiac.
- 7 a.m.-1 p.m. July 18, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, 2710 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph.
- 7 a.m.-1 p.m. July 19, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, 2710 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph.
- Noon-7 p.m. July 22, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, 2710 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph.
- 2-7 p.m. July 23, Eau Claire Seventh-day Adventist Church, fellowship hall, 6562 Naomi Road, Eau Claire.
- 7 a.m.-1 p.m. July 25, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, 2710 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph.
- Noon-7 p.m. July 29, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, 2710 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph.
- 7 a.m.-1 p.m. July 26, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, 2710 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph.
- 1-6 p.m. July 30, First Baptist Church, fellowship hall, 1635 76th St., South Haven.

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LEGALS

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STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF BERRIEN TRIAL COURT- FAMILY DIVISION

CASE NO. 2020-0034-NA-R PUBLICATION OF PARENTAL- RIGHTS TERMINATION HEARING

Courthouse,
811 Port Street,
St. Joseph,
Michigan
49085
269-982-8613

TO: Lauren Hopper and the putative father of Nichole Hopper

IN THE MATTER OF: Nichole Hopper (04/14/2020)

TAKE NOTICE: A petition has been filed with this court regarding the following minor:
Nichole Hopper was born on April 14, 2020.

The mother of the minor is Lauren Hopper. If you are or may be the natural father, you should appear at Berrien County Courthouse 811 Port Street St Joseph, MI 49085, Courtroom 403 on Thursday, July 30, 2020 at 9:00 AM to state any interest you may have in the minor.

Failure to appear at this hearing is a denial of interest in the minor(s), waiver of notice of all subsequent hearings, and a waiver of a right to appointment of an attorney. Failure to appear at this hearing **COULD RESULT IN PERMANENT TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS.**

A hearing regarding termination of parental rights will be conducted by the court on Thursday, July 30, 2020 at 9:00 AM at Berrien County Courthouse, 811 Port Street St. Joseph, MI 49085 in Courtroom 403 before Attorney Referee Patsy Hartzell.

This hearing may result in the termination of your parental rights.

You have the right to an attorney. There is no right to a jury at this hearing.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED That Lauren Hopper and the putative father of Nichole Hopper personally appear before the court at the time and place stated above.

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF BERRIEN

FILE NO. 2020-0295-DE-D

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

Estate of: Earl Junior Williams, Deceased

Date of birth: 07/24/1925

TO ALL CREDITORS:*

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
The decedent, Earl Junior Williams, died 3/12/2020.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Rodger Dale Williams, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 811 Port Street, St. Joseph, MI 49085, and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Dated: 07/06/2020

Attorney:
Peter J. Johnson / P15539
800 Port Street / P.O Box 618
St. Joseph, MI 49085
269-982-1100

Personal Representative:
Rodger Dale Williams
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SPECIAL NOTICE

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By EUGENIA LAST

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

Rethink your long-term objective and make adjustments. Set up a timetable and stay in touch with people who can offer expert advice. Pour your energy into your goals, not into useless arguments. Distance yourself from people who take too much and give too little. Embrace change.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Look for alternatives if you feel uncertain about a current personal or professional circumstance. A move will turn out better than anticipated. Update your resume to suit the changing job market.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Update legal documents. Get the lowdown on how to benefit from institutional grants, offers and loopholes. Staying well-informed will lead to gains. Romance is favored.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Call in a favor and reach out to someone who can provide information that will help you get through a tough time. A partnership will prove beneficial.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Spend more time with upbeat people, youngsters or loved ones. Sharing thoughts and feelings, digitally or in person, will enrich your life.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Don't fight the inevitable. Adapt and look for the best route to take. Intelligence, creativity and your instincts will help you reach your destination of choice.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Keep your emotions out of sight and your opinions to yourself. The emphasis you put on health, diet, fitness and overall personal improvement will serve you well. Romance is featured.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) How you handle your money, joint ventures, and domestic and professional affairs will require adjustment. Look for an innovative way to take advantage of a financial opportunity.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Deep breath in, deep breath out. Strive to acquire peace of mind and physical relaxation. Spend time with loved ones. Personal growth will lead to happiness.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) How you react to others will determine how well others relate to you. Use common sense to avoid getting into an offensive situation. Offer kindness to gain peace of mind.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Pick up the pace. Set physical goals that will encourage better health. Spend less time talking and more time taking care of business. If you love someone, say so.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Do what's practical. Don't let your emotions push you in the wrong direction. You have so much to gain if you make the right choices. Do what's right and best for you.

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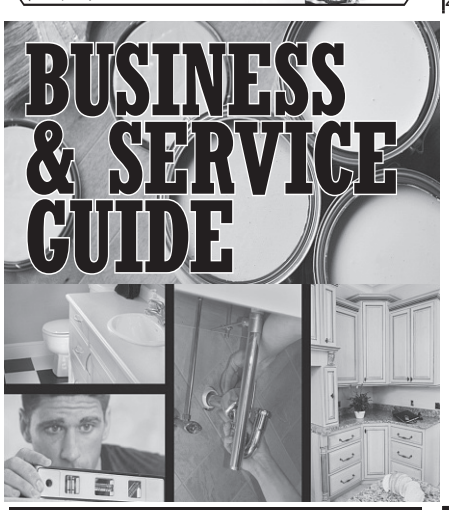

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Back to school, but not back to normal

Anna Layer
Opinion Maker

As Michigan schools begin announcing their plans for the upcoming 2020-21 school year, please remember that the issue of safely educating students during a pandemic is massively complex.

There is no solution that will please all stakeholders in all communities. Please be understanding that administrators are not only bound to follow certain government mandates, but are trying to do so while also navigating excruciating budget deficits. Please realize that your child's teacher would much rather be teaching your child in their classroom, and has done so each year despite fighting off influenza, strep throat, and all sorts of other germs that kids frequently share. COVID is different. This is a fact, not an opinion. Everyone is entitled to their own opinion, but nobody is entitled to their own facts.

So far, there have been a huge variety of possible plans schools might use, ranging from business as usual to limiting the number of students in the building at one time, requiring masks and social distancing, prohibiting shared equipment, etc. It's good to be aware of these possibilities, but please know that regardless of which plan you believe schools should follow, there will be people who disagree with you. The reality is that many people are going to experience continued anger and frustration about the pandemic's impact on our daily lives.

If you believe that schools and athletics should resume as normal this fall, despite the risk of COVID, that's OK. Please know that there are families with students who are extremely vulnerable with compromised immune systems, and that they will not feel comfortable sending their child off to school without several protective measures in place. The reality is that nothing will likely be "normal" for some time, and anyone who has ever stepped foot inside of a school can tell you that social distancing is the exact opposite of what students do. Going to lockers in between classes? Impossible. Even with a schedule where not all students are in the building at the same time, it will be impossible to keep them six feet apart at all times. How will teachers manage bathroom passes when they don't know if another teacher has sent students?

And masks? Forget about it. Can you imagine trying to teach in an elementary school classroom where students are required to wear masks? Student A has hidden her leftover snack inside her mask. Student B had an art mishap and now keeps pretending the red paint on their mask is blood. Student C wants to know why their mask is "all sticky" and Student D dropped theirs in the toilet. What about students who repeatedly lose their masks (add masks to the ever growing list of schools supplies that parents send in – and this still won't be enough to cover the year!) or have parents who don't believe in the importance of wearing them? Masks will only add to the potential for spreading infection, add to disciplinary issues, and add to the already impossible list of things teachers are expected to manage.

If you believe schools should continue with distance learning until the pandemic is over or contained, that's OK, too. Please realize there are families that really rely on their children going to school every single day because they cannot afford daycare and the school also provides breakfast and lunch for their child. Aside from living with food insecurity, there are also students who simply don't get love from anywhere but school. This is sad but true, and one of the reasons teaching is such a crucial job. For many families, schools are critical to every aspect of their well being! Distance learning has wounded so many families and students in so many ways, so while it is a protective measure, it's also causing a whole new set of struggles that cannot and should not be ignored.

It's extremely likely that schools will be uncertain for quite some about what can and should happen this fall, and that many are proceeding with an attempt to prepare while using an abundance of caution. Our reactions to these plans as parents are critical to the mindsets of our students. Let's practice understanding, and express how we feel while acknowledging the problems "our way" could create for people who feel differently.

Let's practice patience, as we have no choice but to continue to deal with the pandemic as a community. Let's practice compromise, and attempt to seek solutions that help everyone in some capacity, but definitely don't cause harm. Let's practice cooperation, and work together to make it through what is likely the most difficult barrier educators in our area have faced.

Our mindset here is so important. This can be a year of frustration and annoyance, or it can be a year where we embrace new ideas and gratitude at being able to continue learning despite a global pandemic. Which one is better, in your opinion?

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America faces difficult days

Leonard Pitts

Mind you, if it ends badly – that is to say, if Donald Trump is returned to the White House in November – America's likely future will be, in the words of Thomas Hobbes, "nasty, brutish and short." But the paradox of our predicament is that even if it ends well – Joe Biden becomes the 46th president – our likely future will, at least in the short term, be only marginally better.

That's not an indictment of the state of our economic, foreign policy, environmental, judicial or social affairs, though those, too, will be dicey. No, that's an indictment of the brokenness, the newly revealed fragility, of our society, of the rituals, traditions and unspoken agreements that make America.

As illustration, try a thought experiment. On Inauguration Day, by longstanding tradition, the incoming president meets the outgoing president at the White House. They exchange pleasantries and then ride over to the Capitol together. One imagines it can be awkward, especially if the new president defeated the old one at the polls. Yet Bush did it with Clinton, Carter with Reagan, Ford with Carter, Hoover with Roosevelt – a grand symbol of the continuity of government and the peaceful transfer of power.

Now, try to imagine Trump doing that with Biden. Try to imagine Trump as a "loser" – there's no description more damning in his vocabulary – not behaving badly, not pouting, not stomping tradition like a bully stomps a sandcastle. Try to imagine his gracious concession speech, his congratulatory tweets, the smooth transition period. You can't, not even if you had the combined imaginative horsepower of Jack Kirby, Walt Disney and Stephen King.

The fact that you wouldn't be even a little surprised if Trump showed his metaphorical – and who knows, maybe even his literal – backside right in the middle of Pennsylvania Avenue, speaks eloquently of how his tenure has damaged something ephemeral but irreplaceable. Who among us any longer expects statesmanship, dignity, honor, selflessness or compassion from a president? Who expects accountability, intellectual honesty or even intellect itself? Who expects bipartisan action in the common good?

As a nation that was never bound by blood and that is bound less every day by culture, such notes of grace assume outsized importance in binding us as a people. Unfortunately, if the last four years have done nothing else, they have made grace an endangered species.

And while it would be nice to believe it can be restored by choosing a decent and selfless man to replace a craven and self–interested one, we should brace for the likelihood that that will not be the case. At least, not immediately. The damage is too deep – again, not just to our concrete national interests, but also to the way we see our country, to the expectations we hold for our leaders. And for ourselves.

Nor would Trump's defeat end the damage. That would likely be ongoing as he and his enablers engaged in rhetorical guerrilla warfare, undermining everything that comes after him. There's also a real possibility of violence from his followers who, after all, thrive on rejection.

The point, then, is that America faces difficult days, no matter what happens in November and we should know that going in. Joe Biden's election would not be a magic wand ushering in so–called "normalcy." But it would at least suggest a nation drawing back from the precipice upon which we've danced for years. Besides, even if a thing doesn't end well, it still ends.

And some new thing can begin.

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LETTERS

Masks are effective in reducing spread

Editor,

Confusion and misinformation about COVID-19 have run rampant, making matters worse. Individuals have to make their own choices, but our individual choices affect how we come through this as a whole.

As a spokesperson for and practitioner of what has been called alternative medicine or holistic health for almost 30 years, I see two vital points of clarity:

First: At any moment, you cannot be 100 percent confident you aren't an asymptomatic carrier. Just as chicken pox is highly contagious before a person knows he or she has the virus, many people are being exposed to COVID-19 by individuals who do not know they have the virus.

Second: Just breathing can spread this virus. Talking, laughing and singing are as dangerous as coughing. Infectious aerosols can accumulate especially indoors, but also in any poorly circulating air, and can then easily be inhaled into the lungs.

Studies are being done as quickly and effectively as possible due to collaboration in the global scientific community.

Initially the CDC said to wear a mask only if you were sick or caring for someone who was sick. But this was due primarily to the global shortage of masks that were desperately needed by those on the front lines. Research has found that wearing masks significantly lowers the risk of spreading the virus, and that many unnecessary deaths will be prevented if everyone wears a mask. Mask-wearing has been widely adopted in Asia since SARS, and has been seen as a civic duty and a signal of "support" to health-care workers and the national economy.

Myriad reasons exist for not wearing a mask: Masks can be uncomfortable, they fog up your glasses, they are hot, some people feel claustrophobic in them, hearing can be compromised.

But there is only one reason to do the right thing.

You wear a mask and safe distance not because of what you might *get*, but because of what you might *give*!

Debra Basham
St. Joseph

You make me sick

Editor,

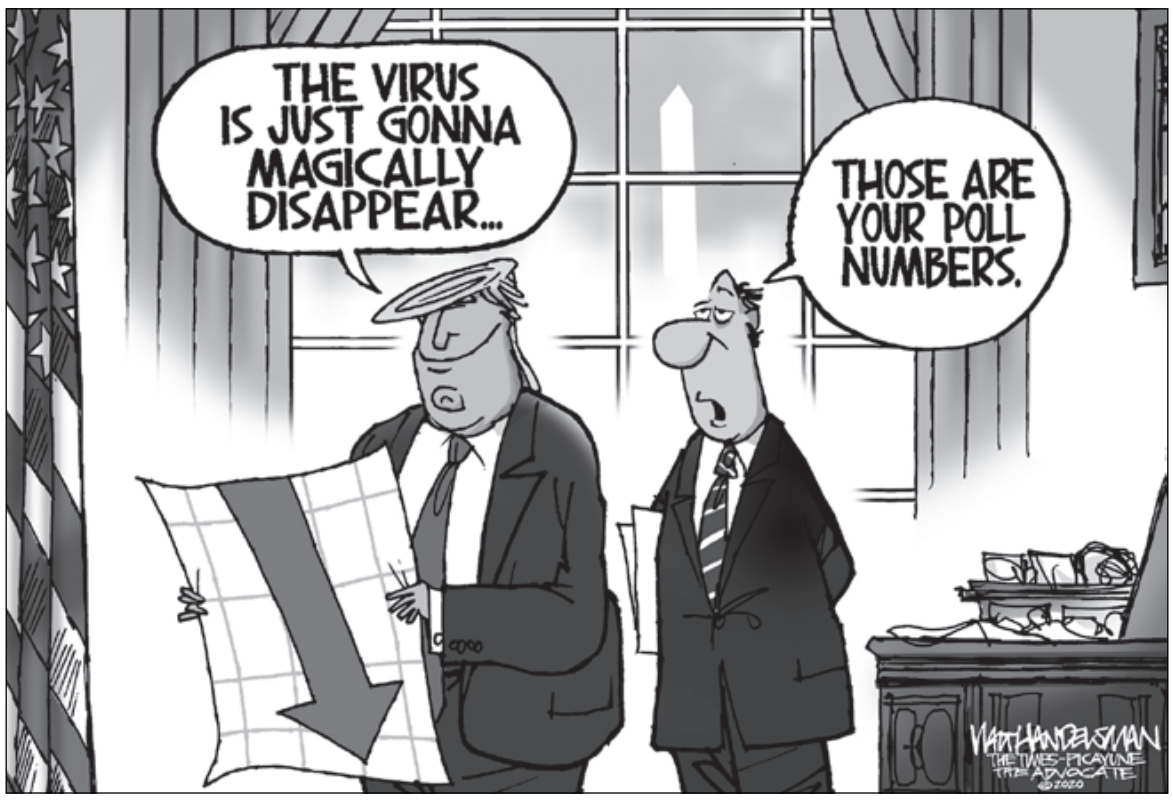
I'm so sick of you compassionless people who are outraged that you have to wear a face mask to help your community save lives. You know who you are. Seriously?

Have you ever displayed such outrage at a red light? Why aren't your constitutional rights at risk when you are required to stop at a red light, simply idling, so other citizens can share the road without you killing them? Do you ever rage at a store (private property) because they make you wear pants? Shoes?

What is it with you people? Start wearing your masks and quit your crabbing. Help your country.

A real violation of constitutional rights is when a jogger is shot down while doing nothing more than jogging outdoors while wearing running clothes and brown skin.

Ellen Higdon
St. Joseph



Trump is the best choice we have

Editor,

Donald J. Trump may not be the ideal president, but he is the best for now. There is no viable alternative.

Some past indiscretions and crude retort to critics have worked against him, particularly on the domestic scene. Personally, I wish he would tone down the tweets or simply refrain from hitting back.

Trump is not a racist by any stretch of the imagination. In the view of his detractors, however, some of his behaviors have obscured his admirable accomplishments. A few of Trump's accomplishments include the appointment of Neil Gorsuch and Brett Kavanaugh to SCOTUS, enactment of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, reduction of many onerous, job-killing regulations, a rebound of the economy, return of manufacturing (with a magic wand?), fantastic job creation including 50 percent of new jobs going to women, an unequaled drop in unemployment, historically low unemployment for minority Americans, immigration control, renegotiation of NAFTA, withdrawal from the Iran Nuclear Agreement, insistence on NATO paying their fair share, decimation of ISIS and many more successful initiatives.

What has occurred recently ought to make any American cry. The foolish demand to defund or abolish police, rioting, looting, destroying property, killing of innocents, indiscriminately defacing and tearing down historical icons in eluding churches, all under the guise of "peaceful protesting," is disgusting and shameful.

Additionally, the distortion of history by hate organizations both Black and white could completely undo the tremendous gains made since the Civil Rights Act.

Election of a Biden administration would set the United States back to the disgraceful divisive Obama era. Re-electing Donal Trump would reassure the nation the presences of a sincerely patriotic president who has a genuine love for this country and *all* of its people.

John D. Groves
Stevensville

Hagar votes on tax cut

Editor,

The Aug. 4 primary election will give our Hagar Township residents the opportunity to lower their taxes. The fire truck millage request has been cut by 50 percent, from .5 mills to .25 mills. The 10-year previous millage expires this year, and with this reduced millage, we will still have sufficient funds to purchase the required fire trucks for the next 10 years.

An analysis was provided to the Hagar Township Board and to our representatives to the fire board, which gained their support and approval. This analysis shows that with the current fund balance, plus the revenue from the .25 mills received each year, this tax cut will still leave a sufficient balance after we meet the needs of the replacement fire trucks.

A "yes" vote on this millage request will not only reduce this portion of your property taxes, but will also provide the finest, up-to-date equipment for our outstanding women and men of our North Berrien Fire and Rescue Department.

Thank you for your support.

Izzy DiMaggio
Supervisor
Hagar Township

VandenHeede has vision Lansing needs

Editor,

Dan VandenHeede is running on the Democratic ticket for state representative, 78th District.

To say that Dan is civic-minded is to state the obvious; he is much more. His vision for tangible change within the state is driven and supported by his experience in public education, local and state governance, environmental concerns, and his firm belief in people.

Dan taught civics, government and peace studies at Dowagiac Union High School for 25 years. Beyond the classroom, he coached cross country and track, and blended his teaching with local civic concerns. He started groups focused on sustainability, gardening and peace studies. Now retired, Dan's main focus is the empowerment of citizens to be active participants in government. As a member of the Niles City Council, Dan has served on the City of Niles Parks and Airport Boards and chairs the Council Ordinance Committee.

Dan believes in empowering citizens and focusing government on people and their needs, rather than having business and bureaucrats run Lansing.

Dan is an activist for education.

Dan is civic-minded.

Dan is actively involved in improving the environment.

Dan believes people are the driving force of government.

Your vote for Dan VandenHeede is a vote for Southwest Michigan.

Kathleen McKee
Dowagiac

Re-elect Young as Pokagon treasurer

Editor,

I would like to endorse Kevin Young for the job of treasurer of Pokagon Township. Kevin has served as the township's treasurer for the past 17 years and is by far the most organized and dedicated treasurer Pokagon Township has had in the 23 years I've been on the board. In addition to his position as treasurer on the township board, Kevin is the board appointed member of the planning commission.

Kevin brings a variety of experience to his job on the Pokagon Township Board. In addition to being his church's treasurer, he serves as associate treasurer and director on the board of the Old Rugged Cross Foundation, is involved with the Berrien County Youth Fair, is president of the local Grange and treasurer of both the district and state Grange organizations. Additionally, he works as office manager and bookkeeper at Shelton's Farm Markets, having worked there for the past 33 years.

Kevin is civic minded, easy to work with, and at all times has the interests of his constituents at heart. I truly believe no one could do a better job or be better suited for the position as treasurer of Pokagon Township than Kevin Young.

Robert N. Shaffer
Pokagon Township Trustee

Trump pushes state, local leaders to reopen schools in fall

By COLLIN BINKLEY
Associated Press

President Donald Trump on Tuesday launched an all-out effort pressing state and local officials to reopen schools this fall, arguing that some are keeping schools closed not because of the risks from the coronavirus pandemic but for political reasons.

"They think it's going to be good for them politically, so they keep the schools closed," Trump said at a White House discussion on school plans for the fall. "No way. We're very much going to put pressure on governors and everybody else to open the schools."

The White House's round-table gathered health and education leaders from across the nation who said schools and colleges are ready to open this fall and can do so safely. They argued that the risks of keeping students at home outweigh any risks tied to the coronavirus, saying students need access to meal programs and mental and behavioral health services.

"We want to reopen the schools," Trump said. "Everybody wants it. The moms want it, the dads want it, the kids want it. It's time to do it."

But that bright outlook was met with skepticism by some beyond the White House. The president of the nation's largest education union said Trump is more interested in scoring points for the November election than in keeping students safe.

"Trump has proven to be incapable of grasping that people are dying – that more than 130,000 Americans have already died," said Lily Eskelsen García, president of the National Education Association. "Educators want nothing more than to be back in classrooms and on college campuses with our students, but we must do it in a way that keeps students, educators and communities safe."

At the White House event, Trump repeated his claim that Democrats want to keep schools closed for political reasons and not health reasons. He made the same claim on Twitter a day before, saying: "They think it will help them in November. Wrong, the people get it!"

Trump offered no evidence for the allegation, which has been criticized by health experts who say politicizing the issue will make it harder to work toward reopening schools. Jennifer Nuzzo, of Johns Hopkins University's COVID-19 Testing Insights Initiative, said she was "deeply troubled" by the claim.

"When you make it about politics and just people trying to score points and get elected, I mean, I really think it's a disservice to how incredibly important this issue is," Nuzzo said in an interview. "And it really distracts from what I think we need, which is real solutions and a plan in order to make this happen."

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has sent mixed signals on the issue, saying students should return to the classroom but also noting that virtual classes present the lowest risk of COVID-19 spread.

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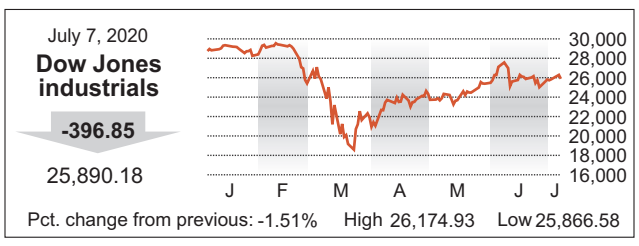

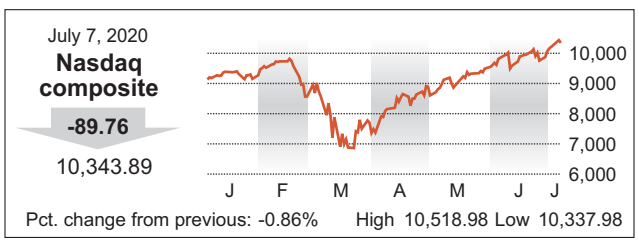

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Target	TGT	80.03	130.24	118.06	-1.18	-1.0	▼	▼	▼
TractSupp	TSCO	63.89	134.90	134.23	+.47	+0.4	▲	▲	▲
UPS B	UPS	82.00	125.31	114.45	-.91	-0.8	▲	▲	▲
VerizonCm	VZ	48.84	62.22	55.04	-.20	-0.4	▲	▼	▼
WEC Engy	WEC	68.01	109.53	88.70	-1.24	-1.4	▼	▼	▲
WalMart	WMT	102.00	133.38	126.95	+8.06	+6.8	▲	▲	▲
WalgBoots	WBA	36.65	64.50	42.22	-.94	-2.2	▲	▼	▼
Wendys Co	WEN	6.82	24.04	21.96	-.78	-3.4	▲	▼	▲
Whrlpl	WHR	64.00	163.64	133.66	+.19	+0.1	▲	▼	▲
Worthgtn	WOR	19.28	44.69	33.32	-1.70	-4.9	▼	▼	▼
XPO Logis	XPO	38.47	100.18	78.18	-.19	-0.2	▲	▼	▲

OBITUARIES

Shima Denton Bettig

July 15, 1931 – July 6, 2020

Shima Denton Bettig, 88, of Benton Harbor passed away, July 6, 2020, at West Woods of Bridgman.

A celebration of life service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, July 11, at Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph, with Pastor Miles Becher officiating. Friends may visit with the family from 11 a.m. until time of service on Saturday at the funeral home. A private burial will take place in Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to Napier Parkview Baptist Church or Krasl Art Center. Those wishing to share a memory of Shima may do so online at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Shima was born on July 15, 1931, in Tokyo, Japan, to Tomiyo (Nora) and Suematu Furukawa. She moved to the U.S. in 1952 when she married Lloyd Denton. She had another chance at love and marriage when she married Paul Bettig in 2002. She spent many years enjoying her passions, which included painting, photography, crocheting, cooking and gardening. She also loved spending time with her grandchildren, working on endless projects and spending time with her Japanese friends.

Shima is survived by her son, Clyde Denton of Pittsburg, Pa.; and daughter, Kathern (Robert) Burger of Savannah, Ga.; sister, Kyoko Inoue; grandchildren: Kiesha Denton of St. Joseph, Kristina (Aaron) Soule of St. Joseph, David (Erin) Wroten of Hanover, Pa., Sarah (Brian) Lott, Josh (Jennie) Denton, Caleb (Theresa) Denton and Zach of Pittsburg; and great-grandchildren: Alana, Lilly, Mason, Maddy, Jonas, James, Jackson, Addison, Owen and Collin.

Shima was preceded in death by her late husband, Lloyd Denton; sons, Frank Denton and Michael Denton; and siblings, Mituko Matue, Ayako Tanaka and Chiyoko Koezumi.

Walter Lyle 'Bud' Baker

Oct. 7, 1945 – March 30, 2020

Walter Lyle "Bud" Baker, 74, of Coloma went to heaven "a shoutin'" on Monday, March 30, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph.

Bud was born Oct. 7, 1945, in Berrien County. He served our country proudly in the United States Army during the Vietnam War, and was one of Berrien County's most decorated veterans. During the war, he was shot 13 times in the chest, arm and leg at Bien Hoa. Despite that, he courageously fought to save his fellow soldiers, and received the Distinguished Service Cross. Upon returning from conflict, he became a pastor and chaplain, and was known as "Chaplain Bud" to those he helped over the years at Lakeland. He was a member of Full Gospel Assembly Church in Hartford, and was involved with the American Legion, Lest We Forget and Faith Christian Fellowship.

Bud, who was cremated, will have his ashes placed in Oak Ridge Cemetery in Buchanan at 11 a.m. Friday, July 10, with full military rites by the Buchanan American Legion Post 51. The family has entrusted Calvin Funeral Home, Hartford, with arrangements. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.calvin-leonardfh.com.

Death notices

Billy J. Alexander, 63, of Dowagiac died July 4, 2020. Connelly Chapel Wagner Family Funerals, Cassopolis, 445-2435.

Raymond Conklin, 77, of St. Joseph died July 5, 2020, at home. Purely Cremations – Starks Family Funeral Homes and Cremation Services, Benton Harbor, 926-9440.

Berna G. Jones, 78, of Benton Harbor died July 6, 2020, at Royalton Manor, St. Joseph. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

Mellodene Montgomery, 79, of Niles died July 6, 2020, at home. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Lois Faye Moret, 90, of South Haven died July 6, 2020, at home. Filbrandt Family Funeral Home, South Haven, 637-0333.

Lindsee M. Nalepa, 31, of Allendale, Mich., died June 29, 2020, at her mother's home. Fairplain Chapel, Florin Funeral Service, Benton Township, 926-7222.

Bruce Allen Neal, 66, of St. Joseph died July 6, 2020 at home. Purely Cremations – Starks Family Funeral Homes and Cremation Services, Benton Harbor, 926-9440.

Barbara Peters, 72, of Three Oaks died July 4, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Norman W. Schaefer, 92, formerly of St. Joseph died June 3, 2020, at Community Hospice, St. Augustine, Fla. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Lee Tripp, 91, of Niles died July 5, 2020, at home. Purely Cremations – Starks Family Funeral Homes and Cremation Services, Benton Harbor, 926-9440.

Lois Faye Moret

April 5, 1930 – July 6, 2020

Lois Faye Moret, 90, of South Haven passed away Monday, July 6, 2020, peacefully in her home, under hospice care.

She was born April 5, 1930, to Mendel and Goldie Goldberg in Chicago. Lois married Bernard Moret on May 28, 1950, in Chicago, and they shared 54 years of marriage before his passing. Lois was first and foremost a beloved mother. She also co-owned Howard's Motors and the Lion's Den. Lois loved to play bingo, gamble at the casino and paint by number. She was a member of First Hebrew Congregation in South Haven.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Bernard Moret; son, Howie Moret; and brother, Herbie Goldberg.

Lois is survived by her son, Harold "Larry" (Wendi) Moret of Bangor; daughter-in-law, Christine Moret of South Haven; grandchildren, Jeffrey Allen Moret and Julie (Dan) Moret Renner; great-grandchildren, Joe, Zoey and Clayton; special friends, Audrey Frabe and Rachel Grigg; and all the staff at Caring Circle Hospice at Home.

Graveside services will take place at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, July 9, at First Hebrew Congregational Cemetery in South Haven, with Mr. Lou Price officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Lois' honor to First Hebrew Congregation, 249 Broadway St., South Haven, MI 49090. Kindly share your thoughts and memories on the family's online guest book at www.FilbrandtFFH.com.

The family is being helped by the Filbrandt Family Funeral Home in South Haven, 637-0333.

Missouri summer camp virus outbreak raises safety questions

By MARGERY A. BECK and JAMIE STENGLE
Associated Press

Missouri leaders knew the risk of convening thousands of kids at summer camps across the state during a pandemic, the state's top health official said, and insisted that camp organizers have plans in place to keep an outbreak from happening.

The outbreak happened anyway.

An overnight summer camp in rural southwestern Missouri has seen scores of campers, counselors and staff infected with the coronavirus, the local health department revealed this week, raising questions about the ability to keep kids safe at what is a rite of childhood for many.

Missouri is one of several states to report outbreaks at summer camps. The Kanakuk camp near Branson ended up sending its teenage campers home. On Friday, the local health department announced 49 positive cases of the COVID-19 virus at the camp. By Monday, the number had jumped to 82.

Some states, like Oregon, New York, New Jersey and Connecticut, closed summer camps this year, and many camps elsewhere have voluntarily canceled programs. But other camps are plowing ahead, hoping that precautions like social distancing, masks and requiring children to quarantine before coming to camp will quell the risk. Other states where outbreaks have been reported have included Texas, Georgia, North Carolina and Tennessee.

Some 26 million youths normally take part in camps across the U.S. each year, the American Camp Association said Tuesday. The group estimates 19.5 million young people will miss out on in-person day and overnight camps this year due to the pandemic, with 6.5 million still expected to go.

Missouri's outbreak at a camp operated by Christian-based Kanakuk Kamp has done little to change the way that state is handling summer camps, which essentially calls for camp operators to consult with their local public health agency to craft plans to keep kids and staff safe. Camps must report any positive cases to the state.

Hayward Burnside 70, of Benton Harbor, died June 29, 2020. Hayward was born to Celestine M. Burnside and Howard L. Burnside on March 4, 1950 at Mercy Hospital in Benton Harbor, Mich.

As a teenager Hayward broke barriers and became the first Black stock person at Cunningham Drug Store. Shortly after, he joined the Army and served in Vietnam. After returning from active duty, Hayward worked at Clark Equipment as a foreman. He spent the bulk of his career, about 25 years, as a factory worker in General Motors in Columbus, Ohio.

Hayward returned to his hometown Benton Harbor in 2003 and often volunteered and served meals to the elderly. In his later years he also served as a principal figure in his grandchildren's lives and as a caretaker for his parents.

He is survived by his children Dr. Sherri Williams (Washington, D.C.), Angelina Burnside and Alicia Burnside (both of Benton Harbor, Mich.) and Jerry Joseph (Columbus, Ohio), six grandchildren and his wife Angelique Joseph-Burnside (Benton Harbor, Mich.).

Hayward leaves others to cherish his memories including his sisters Doris (Joseph) Jordan (Michigan City, Ind.) and Darlene Burnside (Atlanta, Ga.) and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother Edward Burnside (Atlanta, Ga).

A family hour will be held July 8 at 11 a.m. at Robbins Brothers Funeral Home. Burial will follow at 1 p.m. at Fort Custer National Cemetery in Augusta, Mich.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

25 years ago – 1995

Natasha Bell, a 19-year-old sophomore at Andrews University, has won the Miss Michigan USA contest held recently in Dearborn, but she had to do it the hard way. Bell, who was both Miss Berrien Springs and Miss Blossomtime in 1993, placed first over 33 other contestants. Last year she entered and placed eighth among 54 contestants. "I really didn't expect to win this year," Bell said. "Sometimes people enter for several years before finally winning, or they don't win at all. Life speeds up a whole lot when you win."

Besides entering and winning pageants, Bell has won many championships at the Berrien County Youth Fair showing horses.

35 years ago – 1985

Dynac Corp. broke ground recently for an 11,500-square-foot addition at the Dynac plant at 229 Kerth, St. Joseph. The addition, part of a three-year, $1.5 million expansion and improvement program, will house increased machining, quality control and shipping areas. Employment increased from 145 to 185 in the past two years, and expansion is expected to add 15-20 new jobs. The company produces castings for the automotive, appliance, electronic and furniture industries.

50 years ago – 1970

Formal opposition to a proposed horse racing track in South Haven Township took shape last evening with the formation of a citizen's group called CAGE. The initials stand for Citizens Against Gambling Extension. The organization grew out of a meeting called by the South Haven Ministerial Association, headed by the Rev. Herbert Nabb, who will chair the group.

Whether the track should be allowed within South Haven Township is a question that will come before township voters on Aug. 4.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Wednesday, July 8, the 190th day of 2020. There are 176 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On July 8, 2000, Venus Williams beat Lindsay Davenport 6-3, 7-6 (3) for her first Grand Slam title, becoming the first Black female champion at Wimbledon since Althea Gibson in 1957-58.

On this date:

In 1776, Col. John Nixon gave the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence, outside the State House (now Independence Hall) in Philadelphia.

In 1889, The Wall Street Journal was first published.

In 1947, a New Mexico newspaper, the Roswell Daily Record, quoted officials at Roswell Army Air Field as saying they had recovered a "flying saucer" that crashed onto a ranch; officials then said it was actually a weather balloon. (To this day, there are those who believe what fell to Earth was an alien spaceship carrying extra-terrestrial beings.) Demolition work began in New York City to make way for the new permanent headquarters of the United Nations.

In 1950, President Harry S. Truman named Gen. Douglas MacArthur commander-in-chief of United Nations forces in Korea. (Truman ended up sacking MacArthur for insubordination nine months later.)

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Isolated T-storms	Scattered T-storms	Partly Cloudy	Isolated T-storms
89°	74°	90° / 73°	83° / 72°	82° / 69°	80° / 68°

Local Outlook

Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a slight chance of showers, high temperature of 89°, humidity of 53%. Southwest wind 3 to 6 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with a slight chance of showers, overnight low of 74°. Light winds.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise ..... 6:18 a.m.
Sunset ..... 9:23 p.m.
Moonrise ..... Yesterday
Moonset ..... 9:40 a.m.

Last	New	First	Full
7/12	7/20	7/27	8/3

Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	92°
Low	76°
Normal High	83°
Normal Low	63°
Record High	100° in 2012
Record Low	52° in 2006

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	0.17"
Normal for month	0.81"
Year to date	22.25"
Normal Year to date	17.70"

Air Quality

Yesterday 112
Main Offender ..... Ozone

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

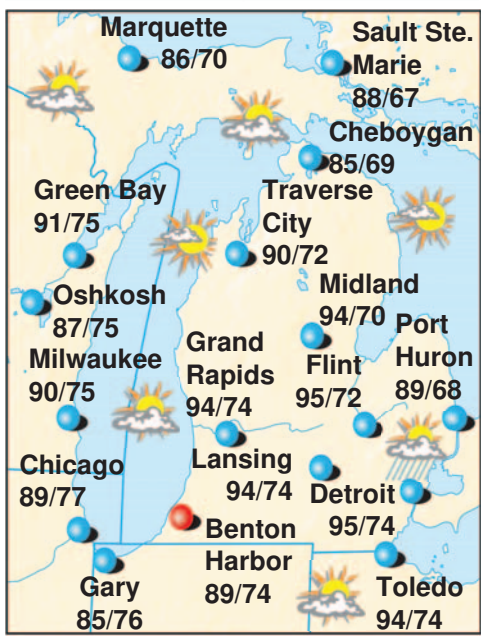
0-50 ..... Good
51-100 ..... Moderate
101-150 .... Sensitive
151-200 .. Unhealthy

Weather Trivia

What is the least humid city in the United States?

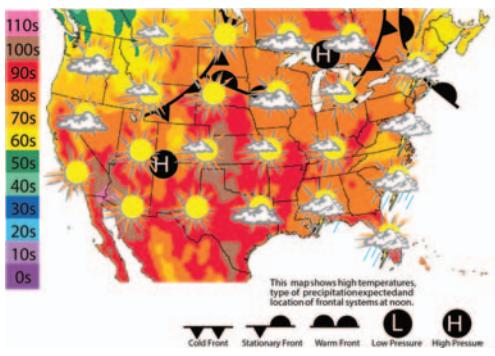
Answer: Las Vegas, NV with an average afternoon humidity of 21 percent.

Regional Map



National Weather Map

Forecast map for July 8, 2020



For latest weather updates: **www.UpdatedWx.com/HP**

Lake Michigan

Today, Variable winds 5 kt or less. Sunny. Waves 1 ft or less. Water temperature 73 degrees. Tonight, Variable winds 5 kt or less. Mostly clear. Waves 1 ft or less.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly sunny to partly cloudy with highs in the 80s and 90s. Southeast wind 1 to 5 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies Thursday with isolated thunderstorms, highs in the 80s and 90s. South southwest wind 4 to 7 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be partly cloudy with isolated showers, highs in the 80s and 90s. Southwest wind 3 to 6 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies Thursday with isolated thunderstorms, highs in the 90s. Light winds.

America disrupted: Troubles cleave a nation, and a city

By JOSH BOAK and KAT STAFFORD
Associated Press

Julio Cortez / AP

A protester carries a U.S. flag upside, a sign of distress, next to a burning building in Minneapolis on May 29. Protests over the death of George Floyd, a Black man who died in police custody, broke out in Minneapolis and across the country. The U.S. has been dramatically disrupted in a matter of months, brought low by a global pandemic, Depression-era economic dislocation, and then, nationwide unrest over racial injustice.

SAGINAW — It was difficult to celebrate America in Saginaw this year. The deadly coronavirus had torn through the county. Unemployment had surged fivefold. Weeks of protest over racial inequality left many debating what should be hallowed and what must be changed.

But Tom Roy had given it his best. As the head of the July Fourth fireworks board, he struggled to save the display of red-rocketed flares and bursting peonies, fruitlessly seeking a venue that felt safe from the sickness.

He couldn't do it. So Saginaw canceled its festivities, upsetting many of Roy's neighbors who lost an opportunity to unify a bitterly divided community for one night.

The dark skies over this mid-Michigan city were a plaintive marker of a nation utterly disrupted in a matter of months.

This period of national crisis has not inspired unity. Americans are aiming their anger at each other, talking past each other, invoking race, class and culture. They cannot even agree on the need to wear a mask to protect against a virus that has killed more than 130,000 Americans.

These forces are converging as the country hurtles toward a convulsive presidential election. President Donald Trump continues to portray himself as a disrupter, with a wrecking-ball agenda that is rooted in nationalism and roils racial divisions – taking the stage over the July Fourth weekend to warn of "new far-left fascism" that would tear down "our national heritage." His Democratic rival, Joe Biden, meanwhile, calls for a national reset to something resembling normal for a "suffering" nation.

"It's never been this divided," says Roy, vice chair of Saginaw's Republicans.

It is in places like Saginaw County, Michigan, which narrowly flipped from voting for President Barack Obama to voting for Trump, where clarity about America's future is likely to come.

The traditional battleground states of Michigan, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and Florida, and emerging ones such as North Carolina and Arizona, have all been hit with the triple shock of a pandemic, recession and an uprising against police abuse. The political fallout is unfolding, leaving a striking degree of uncertainty just four months from Election Day.

Will younger voters, whose generation is the first since World War II to be faring worse than their parents, turn out? Will older voters, those most vulnerable to the coronavirus, seek change? Will the growing political power of Black women manifest itself in ways that swing key states? Will the suburbs once again provide the pivot points in the country's partisan divide?

The election will provide answers to all these questions, but not necessarily to the central issue of American life in the year 2020: Can the United States pull itself together?

The country is beset by "parties who see each other as 'the other' instead of collaborators in a democracy," says historian Doris Kearns Goodwin.

"A crisis allows you, if you've got the leadership, to unite the nation. What's needed – and we've seen this for a while – is a national direction," she said.

In 2010, out of love for his ailing hometown, a Saginaw artist spray-painted some familiar lyrics on the husks of buildings and stumps of concrete steps: "I'm empty and aching and I don't know why."

But in 1968, when Simon & Garfunkel released "America" – starting their hitchhiking narrator's cross-country odyssey in Saginaw – the city was a very different place.

The population then was nearly twice as large as the 48,115 people who now call it home. General Motors alone operated at least eight plants in the city and surrounding county, providing middle-class jobs that drew African Americans from the Deep South. The Great Migration gave Saginaw its most famous native son: Stevland Hardaway Judkins, better known as Stevie Wonder.

The Saginaw River slashes a diagonal line through the city and became a dividing line between Black residents on the east side and white residents on the west.

GM stumbled and there were layoffs and closures – manufacturing jobs dropped by 50 percent in the last 30 years. White people fled to the suburbs, the population declined, and the question arose: How to save Saginaw?

The answers have been disjointed – and none erased the economic inequality or racial segregation. The city of Saginaw, 45 percent Black, has a median income of $29,800, while the majority white county has a median income of $47,000.

Michigan authorizes $115M for businesses hurt by pandemic

By DAVID EGGERT
Associated Press

LANSING — Michigan's economic development board on Tuesday authorized a $115 million grant program for small businesses, nonprofits, farms and agricultural processors hurt by the coronavirus pandemic.

Entities can start applying July 15. The state will disburse the federal funding – a portion of $880 million in rescue aid signed last week by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer – to 15 local economic development organizations, which will in turn give it to eligible businesses and nonprofits by Sept. 30.

To qualify for $100 million for small businesses and nonprofits, an applicant must have no more than 50 employees and not have received grants through a $20 million relief program created in March. The maximum grant is $20,000 and can be used for payroll, rent, mortgage payments, utility expenses and other costs. At least 30 percent of the funds must go to businesses owned by women, minorities or veterans.

There also is $10 million for agricultural processors and $5 million for farms, which will cover maximum $1,000 grants per employee for COVID-19 costs such as testing, personal protection equipment and housing needs. To qualify, the businesses must have at least 10 employees. The agriculture-specific funding is first come, first served. The other funding is not.

The programs are the "next step towards ensuring Michigan small businesses and workers receive the support and resources they need to not only survive this outbreak but to continue thriving into the future," said Mark Burton, CEO of the Michigan Economic Development Corp.

He said he expects demand for assistance to exceed the $115 million available. Restaurants in most of the state, for instance, are at half capacity. Other places of public accommodation like gyms and movie theaters remain closed under a gubernatorial order to curb the spread of the virus.

"There's obviously a fear that we're not going to be reopening as quickly as we thought, given some of the activity we're seeing especially across the country," Burton told reporters.

Asked how officials will ensure the process is fair, he said the goal is to do as much as possible to make business owners and others aware that applications will be accepted beginning next week.

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along with those conducted by the assistant city manager and harbor master.

"The only concern I have is getting the assistant city manager position filled," said council member George Sleeper. "Whoever is city manager has another vacancy that we'll have to do deal with."

Council member Joe Reeser thinks that even with the pandemic going on, there's still a good chance suitable candidates will be available for the manager's position.

"I think Steve's point is good," Reeser said. "At the same time, let Kim start looking now. Maybe there's a lot of people out there looking for a job."

Mayor Scott Smith also expressed some reservations about whether a new, suitable manager can be found in four months. "I feel like it's an aggressive timeline," Smith said. But he also hinted that if outside candidates aren't considered the right fit for the job, Hosier has expressed interest in the position.

After some more discussion, council members voted to begin the selection process with the intention of filling the position by Oct. 29.

The process will begin this month with Wise putting together a search committee consisting of representatives from the city council, City of South Haven staff, South Haven Public Schools, South Haven Area Emergency Services, local businesses and city residents. The manager's position will then be advertised. Applications will be reviewed by the committee, which will then select candidates to be interviewed.

After the first interviews, a second set will take place with the goal of narrowing the list to two finalists by late September. The city council will then conduct public interviews and select a candidate to hire. If all goes well, background screenings will be conducted and a contract negotiated sometime in October.

The city could have chosen to use an outside firm to oversee the hiring of its top administrator. But Wise said the process the city is utilizing in-house worked well when South Haven Area Emergency Services conducted a similar process for hiring its new chief earlier this year. She also said that utilizing an outside executive search firm can be quite costly.

"Those are pretty pricy," she said. "The upfront fee is $3,000-$5,000. There's also a placement fee that is typically 25 percent of (the manager's) first-year salary. You're looking at $30,000."

Council member Jeff Arnold, a teacher at South Haven High School, agreed with the city's in-house strategy. "The schools has used them (outside executive search firms) in the past and have found that on our own we've had just as much luck. We ended up doing the leg work on our own," he said.